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Rebels to Arafat: Quit or be bombed out

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (AP). — The leader of the victorious Palestinian rebel forces demanded yesterday that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat leave Tripoli or face being driven out by intensive bombardment.



A young member of a pro-Arafat terrorist group carrying a shoulder-mounted rocket launcher walks toward a car on a littered Tripoli street on Wednesday to question a driver. (UPI telephoto)

The city's northern edge. Jibril warned that if Arafat chooses to stay and continue political and military activities, "We shall level all places he frequents in the city down to the earth." He added that "we shall not attack, but shall bombard him mercilessly."

Some fighting between the pro- and anti-Arafat terrorists continued yesterday on the southern edge of the Baddawi camp, which the Syrian-backed rebels captured in a three-pronged assault on Wednesday.

As Jibril spoke to reporters in the camp, Arafat told a news conference at his headquarters in the Zahriyah neighbourhood of Tripoli that he still considers himself a guest of city leaders in this northern port, 80 kilometres north of Beirut.

"I told you from the beginning, I am here according to the leaders, according to their wish," Arafat said. "I will leave if they ask me to leave."

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Egypt and France discuss Arafat's fate

ARIS (AP). — Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and French Premier Pierre Mauroy met yesterday to discuss the situation of Palestinian Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat, who is circled by rebel PLO forces in Tripoli.

spaper, *Le Monde*, that Arafat should go to Tunis and set up an executive council in a bid to restructure the PLO.

Israel: No talks with France on Arafat

Jerusalem Post Staff
The Foreign Ministry spokesman yesterday flatly denied a French magazine report of ongoing consultations between France and Israel on arrangements to rescue Yasser Arafat from Tripoli by sea ship or plane.

Israel Radio gave prominence to the reports from Paris that on November 5 French President Francois Mitterrand has authorized a French ship stationed off the Lebanese coast to escort Arafat, who would be aboard a Greek ship.

'Syria benefits from Israel-Lebanon friction'

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Lack of cooperation between Lebanon and Israel makes it all the more difficult for Lebanon, Israel and the U.S. to withstand Syrian pressures, Israeli officials emphasized yesterday in their meetings with U.S. special Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld.

surveys and assessment from top Israeli policymakers on local and regional issues, with emphasis, of course, on Lebanon.



Minister of Defence Moshe Arens (left) yesterday meets in his office with U.S. special Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld. (IPPA)

Peres rejects unity gov't

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The latest national unity government initiative was doomed yesterday before it ever got seriously under way when Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres officially ruled out the possibility.

government will come into being. I cannot say when, but I know that it is a must for the sake of this nation." But the move was dealt a final blow yesterday when the Labour Party central committee convened in Beit Berl.

Illegal cash seized from B-G passengers

Police yesterday seized tens of thousands of dollars from Israelis who were attempting to take out of the country more than the legal amount of foreign currency.

Shamir affirms priority of restoring payments balance

KFAR SAVA (Itim). — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday strongly supported the policy of Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad in giving priority to improving the balance of payments, when he addressed a news conference at the Ikapharm pharmaceuticals plant here.

ment, would harm the country's electronics industry. Shamir disclosed that he is in constant contact with a number of elements concerning the question of a national unity government. "I am personally in favour of such a government," he said, "but we have to take into consideration the attitude of our potential partners."

Haifa 'repair base' for U.S.

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — For the first time, the U.S. Sixth Fleet has sent one of its vessels to Israel for major repairs.

the fleet's depot ships or in the fleet's European base in Italy. The repairs to the Rigel were ordered two weeks ago and were not a case of a sudden breakdown that needed immediate attention at the nearest yard.

Reagan under pressure to follow up French raid

Terror bases strafed after Mitterrand vow

BEIRUT. — French Super-Etendard warplanes yesterday bombed bases in eastern Lebanon manned by Shi'a Moslem militants, who have been linked to suicide terror raids against French, U.S. and Israeli troops in Lebanon.

According to Beirut Radio, some of the positions in Beirut of the French contingent of the multinational force came under katiusha fire last night. The French soldiers returned the fire and no casualties were reported.

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The French and Israeli retaliatory air strikes against suspected Iranian-backed terrorist positions in Lebanon have increased the pressure on the Reagan administration to follow suit, U.S. officials said yesterday.

Jerusalem is pleased

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent
There was muted but intense satisfaction in Jerusalem last night at the news of the French air attacks yesterday on pro-Iranian terrorist targets in Lebanon.

As far as the terrorists were concerned, sources said, these were particularly dangerous groups and hitting at them "will save lives in the future."

Both President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz earlier had vowed to punish those terrorists responsible for the bombing of U.S. Marine headquarters in Beirut late last month, but since then Washington has failed to act. Now, France and Israel have moved decisively.

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Awali traffic now requires IDF permits
By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
METULLA. — The Israel Defence Forces yesterday began limiting Lebanese vehicular traffic passing in both directions across the Awali River to those cars and trucks whose drivers had a permit issued by Israeli authorities.

IDF sources said the new procedure had been instituted to permit crossings across the Awali while assuring security. It would prevent the effective partition of Lebanon, they said.

But Lebanese sources said the procedure would be so burdensome that it would reduce crossings to emergency cases. Most Lebanese who are used to travelling from one part of their country to another over the Awali would now cease doing so, they said.

Permits for an extended period are to be made available to teachers, Lebanese government officials and major merchants. Other people are to be given permits for shorter periods after undergoing security checks.

Residents of Southern Lebanon wishing to travel north can apply for permits at IDF civilian aid centres. People north of the river wishing to travel south can apply at the Israeli Liaison Office in East Beirut.

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Israelis still evenly divided over settlements, West Bank

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Just over half of all Israelis are prepared to give up all or some of the West Bank in return for peace with Jordan; but the largest single group, 43 per cent, is opposed to ceding any territory, even for peace.

This was found in the latest Jerusalem Post poll, conducted by Dr. Sarah Shemer of the Modi'in Ezerachi Research Institute. A representative sample of 1,238 adults were interviewed between October 12 and 21.

Only 9.3 per cent said they were willing to cede all Judea and Samaria, except for Jerusalem; but 41 per cent were willing to consider a compromise over some areas. On the far left, 3 per cent were prepared to give up all the territories, including East Jerusalem.

On the settlements, a total of 54 per cent favoured a freeze on new settlements, with 22 per cent even agreeing to the selective dismantlement of some settlements. However, 31 per cent refused even to consider a freeze on new settlements.

Chief rabbis close rift with Israeli consul in N.Y.

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

As hundreds of young yeshiva students gathered outside the arrivals hall at Ben-Gurion Airport to greet him, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira told a press conference yesterday that the misunderstanding with the Israeli consul in New York was over.

"It's true that he (Naftali Lavie) hurt us, but now the issue is closed," said Shapira, who returned from a visit to the U.S. made together with Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu. Eliahu, who came back on Tuesday, greeted his colleague and participated in the news conference.

During their visit to the U.S., the two met with rabbis and visited synagogues and schools. They did not meet with Reform or Conservative rabbis or leaders, because, they

said, the latter had not invited them. The chief rabbis also said they did not have enough time for those who had.

"They know where to find us at Hechal Shlomo. Any time they want to talk to us, they are free to come and do so," Eliahu said of the Reform rabbis. The two rabbis met for four hours with the Lubavitcher Rebbe, as well as with rabbis of Agudat Yisrael.

The major problems of the Jews in the U.S., they said, are education and assimilation. "Any child who does not go to a Jewish school faces assimilation," Eliahu said.

On a practical level, they said, they dealt with matters of kashrut and divorce. Many husbands, they said, flee both to and from Israel. They were arranging that such men not receive aid from the Jewish community.

Hoof and mouth disease in Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A hoof and mouth disease alert has been declared by the Veterinary Service following reports that the illness has become widespread in Lebanon, including, reefs of southern Lebanon controlled by Israel.

Because of fear that the disease spread to Israel, the service has imposed restrictions on the trans-

port of certain animals, including sheep, goats, camels and pigs. A person wanting to transport these animals from one part of the country to another must first receive a permit from a government veterinary doctor.

The Veterinary Service asks farmers to be on the lookout for the disease and to contact their nearest office if they suspect any animal to have contracted this disease.

Thousands come to honour fallen Druse

By YOEL DAR
Special to the Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. — Thousands of Druse, Jewish, Moslem and Christian citizens yesterday attended a memorial ceremony held here to honour the memory of 176 Druse who have fallen in the line of duty since the establishment of this state. Among the participants were religious leaders, chairmen of local councils, Acting President and Minister Speaker Menachem Begin, his deputy, Meir Cohen, and senior Israel Defence Forces Border Police and police officers.

The ceremony was organized by a local newspaper and the local council. Beit Jann was selected, since its village has lost 28 of its sons since 1948. Savidor said Israel does not do enough to help the Druse community solve its domestic problems. He pledged not to spare efforts and energy to correct errors and to ensure equal rights to what he called a brave and distinguished community.



Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday presents a cheque to pupils from East and West Jerusalem who are collecting funds for the Cancer Society.

Dulzin to unveil new education scheme

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A half-billion dollar plan for a 15-year programme to deepen and expand Jewish education in the Diaspora is to be announced this weekend by Jewish Agency chairman Arye Dulzin at a meeting of American Jewish leaders in Atlanta, Georgia.

According to the text of his speech, to be delivered at the General Assembly of Jewish Federations, Dulzin will stress that Diaspora Jewry faces a spiritual disaster within two generations unless it intensifies its efforts to strengthen Jewish identity among adults and young people alike.

The text of Dulzin's speech was released by the Agency in Jerusalem.

Dulzin's goal, "according to Agency sources, is to allocate an ad-

ditional \$35-\$40 million a year between 1985 and the year 2000 to projects for Jewish education in the Diaspora, through the budgets of the Agency and the World Zionist Organization. The Agency and the WZO today spend about \$50m. a year, out of a total of \$460m., on Jewish education programmes for the Diaspora.

(The total budget figure for the Agency and the WZO appears incorrectly in a related story on page 7 as \$46m.)

A draft proposal now circulating within the Agency calls for using the extra funds to expand existing programmes and to create new ones. One of the innovative steps proposed would be to establish an "International Resource Centre for Jewish Education" in Jerusalem. This centre would also give advanced training to Jewish educators.

Alert in Beersheba after 2 scabies cases

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — Health Ministry authorities here are on the alert for an outbreak of scabies after two cases were diagnosed in pupils at the Tomer School. Recently the

highly contagious skin irritation was reported among a number of schoolchildren in Jerusalem.

Public-health nurses are standing by in case the scabies spreads.

Bid to regain control of Jewish Agency jobs
Herut to fight veto given Diaspora leaders

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The world movement of Herut-Hatzohar has decided to fight for the abrogation of an agreement it made several years ago granting a veto on the selection of Jewish Agency department heads to the Diaspora-controlled Agency board of governors.

The veto has used last month to oust Herut-loyalist Raphael Koltowitz as chairman of the Jewish Agency's aliyah department. The 34 to 6 vote reflected Diaspora dissatisfaction with Koltowitz. American board members said he was "unable to communicate with Diaspora Jewry."

It was the first time that the veto was used to remove a department chairman from office.

Eli Bergman of Herut-Hatzohar told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that her organization rejects the system of "directions from outside." A world executive meeting of the Herut Zionist movement decided Wednesday night to struggle "for the independence of the World Zionist Organization and of the Zionist movements" affiliated with the non-Zionist Diaspora funders.

Herut-Hatzohar is not yet ready to announce whom it will propose for the aliyah department chairmanship, but Bergman maintained that the organization has "a number of qualified candidates."

According to Jewish Agency by-laws, the head of the Agency aliyah

department, who is simultaneously chairman of the aliyah division of the World Zionist Organization, is nominated by the Zionist party receiving the portfolio according to previous coalition negotiations.

The world executive of Herut-Hatzohar on Wednesday issued its first public statement of support for the 66-year-old Koltowitz since his defeat three weeks ago.

In its statement, the board expressed "appreciation" for his contribution as chairman of the aliyah department for nearly six years. They also rejected the "fierce campaign" against him, noting "with satisfaction" that 110,000 Jews came on aliyah during the period that Koltowitz was department head.

They also noted that a "breakthrough" in aliyah from the West was accomplished during his term in office and that "most of the Jews who emigrated from Iran" during the recent crisis came on aliyah to Israel.

Jewish Agency Executive chairman Arye Dulzin is to be named acting chairman of the aliyah department next week at a special meeting of the board of governors in Atlanta, Georgia, during the annual general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations. Dulzin will hold the portfolio until Herut names its nominee and the board of governors meets again — either during its next scheduled sessions in Jerusalem in February, or sooner in a possible unscheduled session.

Interior Ministry demands IS2.5b. owed by Treasury

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Interior Ministry is demanding the immediate release of IS2.5 billion by the Treasury for use by local authorities. The money is part of the IS69b. earmarked for the authorities in the current state budget.

Meeting with reporters in Jerusalem this week, Interior Ministry Director-General Haim Kubersky said the IS69b. promised would have to be beefed up with an additional budget of IS13b. in view of the higher costs being faced by the country's 14 cities, towns and other local authorities. "I intend to meet with Finance Minister Cohen-Orgad in the next few days, so that the situation in our local authorities will not deteriorate even further."

Kubersky said that in the five months remaining before the start of the next budget year, local authorities' budgets will have to be trimmed by IS400m. Half of this

amount will come from a reduction in the Treasury's allotments, and half will be made up by increased local revenues generated by the local authorities themselves, and by spending cutbacks.

He said the cutbacks will be reflected in a halt on hiring by municipalities, reduction in their existing manpower, cuts in overtime and vehicle use allowances for civil servants with cars and a cut in certain cultural and social programmes financed by the municipalities.

Asked about the attitudes of the Tel Aviv and Jerusalem municipalities to guidelines issued by the ministry, Kubersky said Tel Aviv has been administering its operating budget properly but deviating from guidelines in its development budget.

As for Jerusalem, he said the city has done a good job handling its finances, but has been careless in allowing employees to get away with excessive overtime and retirement benefits.

UNITY GOVERNMENT

(Continued from Page One)

rejected a similar initiative only last September. But before any attacks on Peres could be launched, from the rostrum, Peres announced that a national unity government would not be set up. He conceded that he had met for a lengthy conversation with Shamir last Monday, but that a wide variety of political topics came up, including defence, foreign policy and the economy. Shamir also broached the question of a national unity government and urged that such a government be formed as early as possible, Peres said. However, the Labour chairman insisted to the committee that "no conditions different from those which had existed last September had now come into existence, and that there is therefore no more reason now for a national unity government than there was then. Just as we turned down the possibility at that time, so we do now."

Peres told the members that following his talks with Shamir, he sees no reason even to bring the renewed Likud overtures for a national unity government before the party. This had an immediate effect of cooling

soaring Alignment tempers. Protests were still made by some of the speakers, but the national unity government question effectively went off the agenda.

Labour sources said yesterday that the party would now concentrate all its efforts "towards bringing this government down one way or another." This could be either through the formation of an alternative coalition in the present Knesset, or through the enactment of legislation calling for early elections.

The latter move may be made as early as next week. Shinui has had an early elections bill pending for months, which it has lately decided to act upon in conjunction with Labour to make sure that it is introduced only when a majority can be mobilized for it.

A slim chance for this appeared yesterday, when David Magen of Herut and Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir of the National Religious Party said on a radio programme that if an early elections bill were to be introduced in the Knesset next week, they would support it.

It is far from clear in political circles just how firm an undertaking this is, but Shinui announced yesterday that it would put the matter to the test next week in the hope that with Labour's 50 votes, its own two, Rakah's four, possibly Tami's three, plus Magen and Ben-Meir, they could muster the minimum 61 votes majority needed to pass the bill.

But Labour strategists are again putting more hope in the periodical renaissance idea of an alternative Alignment-led government. Top Labour politicians are said to be hard at work to woo some of the more discontented Liberal elements away from the Likud. Special emphasis is put on the five-member Moda'i faction within the Liberal Party, on the grounds that Moda'i's ambitions to receive the foreign affairs portfolio are almost certain to be frustrated, due to claims on the same portfolio by Deputy Premier David Levy.

Other efforts are being concentrated on four Liberals who have formed their own *de facto* dissident faction in the Liberal Party — Knes-

set Speaker Menachem Savidor and MKs Dan Tichon, Yitzhak Berman and Dror Zeigerman. Labour is even said to have recruited former defence minister, Ezer Weizman to the cause of trying to "woo these" Liberals away from the Likud and into an alternative Alignment-led government.

Weizman, it is noted, is still smarting from having been rejected as finance minister to replace Yoram Aridor. His ambitions of rising to the leadership of Herut now seem to be finally and irrevocably doomed.

Insiders in both Labour and the Likud note that Shamir and Peres alike are plagued by pressing internal dangers that impel them to move for a change in the present situation, even if they do not agree on the national unity formula.

Sources close to Shamir say his primary motive in reviving the national unity talks is the state of the economy as well as the possible danger that Syria will talk itself into belligerent action against Israel.

Likud insiders agree that these are indeed the main reasons behind Shamir's latest initiative. However, they add the fact that Shamir knows that if Labour does not enter the coalition, he will have to award the Foreign Affairs portfolio to Levy. This would set off a complex political chain reaction that could rock the Likud and bring down this government.

Levy's would-be Herut rivals, including Shamir and the defence and finance ministers, have been pushing for the national unity government in recent weeks to thwart Levy. Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad have done their own lobbying for the national unity government and have even sought, unsuccessfully, to recruit former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin of Labour to their side. They told Rabin that the Defence and Finance portfolios would be Labour's if it joined a national unity government.

Peres, say Labour insiders, must have an almost immediate change of the status quo. He might be privately interested in a national unity government, but his fellow Alignment leaders would not let him entertain the notion. Peres now feels increasingly haunted by the possibility that former president Yitzhak Navon would soon re-enter politics and challenge him for the Labour leadership. Navon is sure to be a formidable ally and Peres must change the situation before Navon enters the arena.



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Cyprus tense as UN body to meet

NICOSIA (AP). — Both sides of war-divided Cyprus remained calm but tense yesterday, as Greek and Turkish Cypriots awaited the outcome of an imminent U.N. Security Council debate affecting their future.

An emergency meeting of the council was called by both the Cypriot and British governments to seek a condemnation of the unilateral proclamation of independence of the Turkish-occupied region of the island on Tuesday.

The half million Greek Cypriot population in the southern government-controlled sector observed a one-hour strike yesterday morning to protest against the Turkish action, branded by their leadership as an act of secession carried out with Turkey's connivance.

In the northern sector, under Turkish military occupation since the summer of 1974, Mustafa Cagatay, the prime minister of the self-proclaimed Turkish Cypriot State of Northern Cyprus, appealed

to the U.N. to show "understanding and respect" for the independence decision of his 120,000-strong community.

Turkey has recognised the new state.

Turkey yesterday said that it would accept Britain's call for tripartite talks with Greece on the issue, but said they should have been arranged before Britain condemned the Turkish Cypriot move and proposed its Security Council resolution.

Sudanese free Britons, beat back rebel attack

KHARTOUM (AP). — Sudanese Army troops yesterday stormed a rebel hideout near the southern town of Bentiu, freeing two British hostages and inflicting heavy casualties on the rebels, an army statement reported.

The statement said the hostages, employees of the American oil company, Chevron, who were abducted on Tuesday night, had been flown to Bentiu, which is on the White Nile, 760 kilometres south of Khartoum.

Bentiu is the site of Chevron's Rub Kona base camp, near the newly-discovered Unity and Heglig oilfields from which Chevron plans to begin pumping crude in 1986.

The communiqué made no mention of the seven Frenchmen and two Pakistanis, employees of a French-run canal project, kidnapped by the rebels on Tuesday night.

Sudanese Information Minister Mohammed Khogali Salheen told a news conference the rebels had given the government 48 hours to

meet their demands for the abolition of Islamic law in south Sudan, release of political prisoners, and halting of the Chevron project and the canal project.

Friction between Moslem north Sudan and the non-Moslem south erupted into bloody warfare earlier yesterday, with the government announcing it had repelled an attack by rebels near the Sudanese border town of Nasir, 180 kilometres southeast of the southern city of Malakal.

Salheen said that the army inflicted heavy casualties on the rebels and forced them to retreat from the scene of the attack.

Tension between north and south has been growing in the past year over economic grievances and southern opposition to President Ja'afar Numeiri's unilateral division of the southern autonomous region last June. Diplomats said the situation deteriorated rapidly after Numeiri announced the imposition of Islamic law in all of Sudan last September 8.

French government warns of racism following murder

PARIS (Reuters). — The French government yesterday strongly denounced the murder of an Algerian immigrant and warned against what it called the cancer of racism.

Four French youths were arrested Wednesday after the 26-year-old Algerian was beaten and thrown to his death from an express train travelling at 140 kph.

Government spokesman Max Gallo, terming the killing a "barbarous act," said the public should be aware that racism is a cancer.

It is the responsibility of all political groups to be alert at all times to the dangers it poses, he added.

The youths were travelling to a military centre for aptitude tests to join the French Foreign Legion and were accompanied by a recruiting sergeant. The sergeant said he was asleep when the Algerian was killed.

Mice misery for English commuters

LONDON (Reuters). — Commuter trains in southern England were thrown into chaos Wednesday by a signalman who walked off the job because he could not stand mice in his signalbox.

Trevor Hockham, 29, set off signals to red on the Havant to Brighton line and trudged 15 kilometres home in protest.

AROUND THE WORLD

India to get arms aid from Western Europe

NEW DELHI (AP). — Britain, France, Sweden and Austria have agreed to transfer "the latest military technology" to India to help it manufacture advanced aircraft, airborne early warning systems and other military equipment, Indian Defence Minister R. Venkataraman said yesterday.

Venkataraman returned to India Wednesday from a two-week visit to the four west European nations in a major arms procurement mission.

He told reporters he had discussed several collaborative projects for indigenous design and manufacture of a wide range of defence equipment with defence authorities of the four countries.

Military court acquits two Turkish newsmen

ANKARA (Reuters). — Two senior Turkish journalists, who faced up to eight years in jail on charges of insulting the ruling military government, were acquitted by an Istanbul military court Wednesday, their newspaper said yesterday.

Dogs at White House to sniff out car bombs

WASHINGTON (AP). — In a new anti-terrorism campaign, the already stringent security procedures at the White House are being upgraded with specially trained dogs to sniff out incoming vehicles for bombs.

"Any vehicle entering the White House complex has the potential of being used to carry an explosive device without the knowledge of the operator," White House chief of staff James Baker wrote Wednesday in a memorandum to the staff.

Two U.S. soldiers shot near Grenada

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada (AP). — Two U.S. soldiers were "slightly wounded" by snipers early yesterday on a tiny island just off Grenada's northeast coast, U.S. military authorities said. They said neither soldier required hospitalization.

Bomb defused near Australian reactor

SYDNEY (AP). — Army explosives experts yesterday dismantled a bomb near Australia's only atomic reactor. A spokesman said the bomb did not pose a threat to the reactor.

The bomb was set to explode Sunday, according to one report.



Robert Shriver (left) beside his mother Eunice Shriver, who is talking to her brother Senator Edward Kennedy and Caroline Kennedy, daughter of the late president John Kennedy at a tribute given by the U.S. Congress on Wednesday in memory of the chief of state who was assassinated 20 years ago. (UPI telephoto)

Future of missile talks hangs on Bundestag vote

GENEVA (Reuters). — U.S. and Soviet medium-range missile negotiators yesterday held their last formal talks before a crucial West German parliamentary debate, that analysts fear could provoke a Russian walkout in Geneva.

A U.S. spokesman said after the talks, which lasted more than two hours, that the negotiators would meet again next Wednesday.

The Bundestag debate on Monday is virtually certain to confirm deployment of 108 Pershing-2 rockets in West Germany, part of NATO plans to station 572 medium-range missiles in Western Europe.

Analysts believe that following

the debate, Moscow might carry out its threat to break off the two-year-old Geneva negotiations, possibly on Wednesday.

Soviet diplomats have made it clear that they regard the Bundestag debate as a watershed.

NATO says it will begin deploying new U.S. Pershing and cruise missiles next month if agreement cannot be reached at Geneva on reducing the Soviet arsenal of multi-warhead SS-20 rockets aimed at West Europe.

The first of the 464 slow-flying cruise weapons due to be deployed in Europe arrived in Britain last Monday.

Canadian leader's wife files for divorce

TORONTO (Reuters). — Margaret Trudeau yesterday filed a petition for divorce from her estranged husband, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, her lawyer said.

The couple, married in 1971, have been separated for more than six years. The prime minister's 35-year-old wife now works as a hostess on a television show. She has said she hopes to marry an Ottawa estate agent.

She is nearly 30 years younger than her husband and has said official life stifled her. The marriage crumbled and she launched into a jet-set lifestyle that included brief affairs with actors Ryan O'Neal and Jack Nicholson, romances she frankly described in her autobiography.

UN votes 87-9 for UK-Argentina talks

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Britain was abandoned by the U.S. and its European allies for a second straight year, as the General Assembly approved on Wednesday a call for British-Argentine negotiations over the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 87 to 9. Fifty-four countries abstained, among them several of

Britain's European allies, including West Germany, France, Italy and Belgium.

Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said in London on Wednesday night that the vote would not change Britain's position.

The war ended June 14, 1982, when British forces retook the crown colony from Argentinian troops, who had invaded it in April.

Iranian town mourns dead from Iraqi hits

BEHBEHAN (Reuters). — The surging crowd in the cemetery in this small town 210 kilometres from the Iraqi border roared with grief as the man pulled the baby's sheet-tied body from a coffin and shook it above his head.

In the crowd, shoddily dressed men and women crouched by fresh graves decorated with photographs of the dead as well as with flowers, pieces of carpet and bowls of fruit and honey.

The people of Behbahan were mourning the latest of more than 300 Iranians killed in the past month in Iraqi missile attacks and in air raids on towns far from the main

gulf war battles. The strikes may have been intended to hurt Iranian morale and put pressure on the Iranian government to agree to end the 37-month-old conflict.

But so far they have only provoked a tougher stand from Teheran and given Iran a propaganda chance to portray the Iraqi leadership as killers of civilians.

Iraq has said frequently its attacks on Iranian towns have been in retaliation for Iranian attacks on Iraqi civilian targets.

The only independent mission to study damage to civilian areas, a

U.N. team that visited Iran and Iraq in May, found that Iranian towns had suffered more than towns in Iraq. The team reported 12 Iranian towns, of which two had been hit by long-range Iraqi missiles and three had been partially or totally destroyed with explosives while occupied by Iraqi troops. Seven towns had been bombed or shelled, causing varying degrees of damage.

The UN team visited seven Iraqi towns and reported that oil installations or factories in three of them appeared to have been the main targets of an Iranian bombardment, although houses had also been damaged.

In a fourth town, Iranian air raids during the first month of the war hit residential areas. The three other towns had been shelled.

Total surprise intensified the shock of the first Iraqi missile strike on Behbahan on October 26. Neither it nor any other target so deep inside Iran had ever been hit before by missiles.

Iran reported that 95 people were killed in that attack, more than 60 of them children who were in a school badly damaged by a direct hit. Another 28 people were reported to have been killed in a second attack on November 5.

Cancer a growing cause of death in China

PEKING (AP). — Peasants in the Taihang Mountains of Henan province in central China suffer the highest rate of esophageal cancer in the world. Some families have lost members of four successive generations to the rare ailment.

With the help of modern science, cancer specialists now understand why the disease strikes 345 of every 100,000 men in Henan's Linxian County, the highest cancer toll in China, where cancer of all forms claims 800,000 lives a year. They have traced it to a fungus found in pickled vegetables.

"There's a Chinese saying, 'Bing cong kou ru,' which means 'Disease enters through the mouth,'" explained Dr. Zhang Youhui, director

of research at Peking's new Tumor Hospital and Cancer Research Institute.

"Linxian is a cold, dry area and local people are very fond of pickling their vegetables to preserve them — they don't have refrigerators," Zhang said.

"However, we've found that these pickled vegetables are usually contaminated with fungus," Zhang said.

The mould produces nitrosamines, which tests have shown can produce cancer in animals and induce a malignant transformation of human cells, he said.

Improved food storage and hygiene, diet supplements and surgical removal of pre-cancerous le-

sions are reducing the problem, Zhang said. In one commune of 80,000 people, a model field station has been set up and a U.S.-trained surgeon has performed 300 successful operations.

Doctors still have to spend hours convincing peasants to undergo preventive surgery. "They usually refuse treatment because they have no symptoms. They say they have to work in the fields or otherwise they'd have no income," Zhang noted.

Although China has curbed epidemic diseases such as cholera and typhoid, the major causes of death before the 1949 revolution, cancer is on the increase among its one billion population.

"It's our first priority in health care," said Dr. Li Bing, director of the Tumor Hospital. "Before the 1950s, there were no cancer hospitals. Now we have 18."

Li said a study published in 1979 showed that every 45 seconds someone dies of cancer in China. The toll is now more than 800,000 a year, making it second only to heart disease as a main killer in China, she said.

The U.S. cancer death rate is higher — 176 cases per 100,000 people compared with 80 cases here — but the scale of China's task in checking the disease is formidable. Lung cancer is now the Number 1 threat in China's biggest cities, including Peking and Shanghai, and breast cancer is on the increase, Li said.

During the convulsions of the 1976-77 Cultural Revolution, when young Red Guards held sway, smoking increased. "Most young people now smoke in our country," she said.

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Sports

New order

LONDON (Reuters). — With the eight-nation line-up for the 1982 European Soccer Championships finally gradually taking shape, it is noticeable that a new order has emerged.

Seven of the 14 European countries who competed in the World Cup in Spain last summer are definitely out, and at least three others will probably accompany them out of the back door.

Hosts France and Belgium, who enjoyed contrasting success in Spain, and Portugal and Denmark, neither of whom made any impact in the 1982 World Cup qualifying rounds, are already guaranteed places in the European final. England joined World Cup winners Italy, Poland, who finished third, Spain, Austria, Hungary, Scotland and the Soviet Union on the European scrapheap.

Nor will they be the last to fall. World Cup runners-up and reigning European champions, West Germany will become the fifth nation to qualify if they beat Albania at home on Sunday but in so doing they will eliminate the Spanish-qualified Northern Ireland.

Czechoslovakia, the 1976 European champions, should also advance. They lost 1-0 in Prague last night and a two-goal victory in Romania in their remaining Group Five tie is enough to send them to France.

But things do not look too bright for Yugoslavia or Spain, beaten 2-1 by Netherlands in Rotterdam last night. The Dutch have a vastly superior goal difference, a only last night's Malta at home in their last leg, and they can rely on their coach, Vukobratovic, who is a valuable addition to Group Four, where they must beat Wales at home next month to have any chance of qualifying for France.

Big gamble

NEW YORK (AP). — Seven-foot inches (223 cm.) Mark Eaton was slow and unpolished that he has played as a collegian at UCLA. 7 Utah Jazz took a chance on him, however, and the gamble pays with aces. Eaton scored 10 of his points in the final quarter, blocked two shots in the final minutes as the Jazz snapp Boston's nine-game winning streak with a 122-109 National Basketball Association decision on Wednesday night.

"Eaton was the difference, was the whole story," Boston co K. C. Jones admitted.

In other NBA games, Philadelphia tripped New York 102-97; Detroit edged Seattle 122-120; and Phoenix beat Cleveland 115-104.

Julius Erving scored 28 points of them consecutively down stretch, to help Philadelphia turn a home victory over New York.

Shlomo to wed

Shlomo Glickstein is to marry Lina Levy in January, according to a report in an afternoon paper.

There is no crisp evidence of effect of marriage on a tennis player's game. After Jimmy Connors married, his tennis, which seemed to have gone into a state of eclipse, revived dramatically. He not only won major victories seemed to enjoy playing far more than he ever had before.

Bjorn Borg went on winning some time after he married, suddenly quit. Chris Evert, like her one time fiance, Mr. Connors, seemed to thrive on marriage — but her husband, Lloyd, went off his game.

What will happen to Shlomo after he takes this giant step is therefore a matter for conjecture.

Germans arrive

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The West German soccer team arrived last night, held their first training session immediately at the Ramat stadium pitch. They will face 1 in the second leg of their Olympic qualifier at the Bloomfield Stadium on Sunday at 4.45 p.m.

The Israeli squad is training Kibbutz Shefayim. The more the Israelis are extremely high their 1-0 victory over Portugal friendly match 10 days ago.

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WE ARE a bunch of super-smart Jews who have finally outsmarted ourselves.

Visitors often wonder how it was possible for Israel to live so well — and so plithely — in the fifth year of triple digit inflation, at a time when Americans were groaning and hurting under the burden of 14 per cent inflation.

The answer, of course, was indexation: near total linkage of all incomes, from salaries to various forms of savings, to the fluctuations in the monthly cost-of-living index, as perfected over the years by the (gentle) Israeli Jewish brain.

Thus several years of 130 per cent-plus inflation, which might have led to economic ruin, and possibly to the advent of social anarchy and political dictatorship in other countries, has led in Israel to the incorporation of ever-widening circles of Israelis into the "I'm-all-right-jack" dolce vita.

BUT WHY rock the boat and let loose with irresponsible accusations of having outsmarted ourselves? Why not, rather, continue to bask in the warm knowledge of our continuing to be smarter than the other nations?

Because it is finally dawning on us that we are not. This week's unprecedented rise of over 21 per cent in the monthly C-O-I index has come as a slap-in-the-face, warning that the game is up.

The first reactions to the news of the whopping rise in the index was the demand to pay an interim C-O-I allowance at the beginning of this month equal to at least 21 per cent. There have been other demands that the index henceforth be calculated every fortnight instead of monthly and that the compensatory allowance be raised accordingly every month rather than quarterly.

The people making these demands acknowledge off-handedly that such steps will also contribute to pushing annual inflation this year to the 200 per cent mark. But, so what? Haven't we lived well even after we crossed over the magical 100 per cent threshold several years ago? What's so different about 200 per cent?

THE ANSWER is that that is the way of the drug addict who insists on increasing the dose of his daily fix, rather than willingly submitting himself to the dreaded cure.

A sense of urgency

By YOSEF GOELL

One problem with our exaggerated indexation was that it made living with three-digit inflation so comfortable. The other problem was that it itself, although not the original cause of the runaway inflation of the 1970s and 1980s, has become the main factor perpetuating it, and now possibly pushing it even further to the hyperinflation level of the post-World War I European countries and that of some of the Latin American countries of today.

What we need is the cure not a bigger fix.

When Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad took office nearly a month ago, he correctly shifted the

focus and priorities of economic policy from fighting inflation — if one can give that name to Aridor's catastrophic efforts of the past year — to the urgent solution of the more burning problem of the rapid growth in the adverse balance of trade and the concomitant growth in our foreign debt.

ONE UNAVOIDABLE effect of his drastic measures to save the economy from international bankruptcy was the rise in the prices of commodities which has now been reflected in the shocking October index.

Weak hearts are now counselling that we should return to fighting in-

flation rather than concentrating on the problem of the foreign trade balance, debts and foreign currency reserves.

One can only hope that such counsel will not be heeded. Israel's real economic problems are the ones that have to do with foreign trade and the foreign debt. In truth, these are reflections of the deeper economic malady of shockingly low productivity matched only by a determination of all of us to live well above our economic means, as a society, as individuals and in government.

Compared with these problems, inflation is but a symptom; a dangerous symptom, but a symptom rather than the disease itself.

Inflation must be fought, but it should not be fought at the cost of making our real economic malady even worse.

At the levels which inflation has now reached, the only way of fighting it without making our basic economic disease even worse is by changing the internal rules of the game.

This means breaking the habit of total indexation of incomes.

PUTTING IT baldly in such terms

is to say that the problem is not so much economic as it is political. Turkey in recent years successfully turned around a situation of runaway inflation. Its success was due largely to the fact that it is governed by a military dictatorship which did not flinch from the need to resort to extreme force in taking on social unrest.

But can an electoral democracy like Israel fight inflation with equal success without relinquishing its basic democratic ethos? The answer is, yes — if its political leaders act responsibly and courageously.

There is no way of getting around the urgent need to cut government budgets drastically while also slashing away at the unreasonable private standards of living many of us have attained in recent years at the expense of our national economy. The question is not whether we should cut living standards but how it should be done; and how can it be done as equitably as possible.

The answer, in a democratic context, can only be provided by political leaders who have the confidence of the people. Such confidence can only be shown to exist after holding national elections.

THERE HAVE been big, dominant empires in the past. They were followed more recently by a plurality of equal and competing nation-states jostling for power. But there has never been what we have today: a "bipolar" system straddling the earth.

Two countries, the U.S. and the Soviet Union, stand head and shoulders above the rest, equal in armed strength, locked in hostility and possessed of an unprecedented capacity to achieve MAD — a crazy acronym meaning "mutual assured destruction."

How is this hyper-explosive charge to be defused? Abba Eban has devoted a lifetime of thought to the question. He possesses a rare advantage, shared in this age only with Henry Kissinger, of combining the mind of a scholar with the experience of a statesman.

Eban reaches a conclusion similar to Kissinger's. The new problem must be handled in much the same way as old problems were handled in the days of Castlereagh, Talleyrand and Metternich. (Not for nothing did H.A.L. Fisher in his classic *History of Europe* observe that "of all the practical arts, diplomacy is the most conservative.")

Eban's book *The New Diplomacy* (Random House, New York) does a lot of debunking. It knocks the shining myth that Russia must be treated as an enemy. The menace of Marxism-Leninism should not be taken too literally, the Soviet Union is concerned primarily, like Czarist Russia — and for that matter the U.S. — with its own self-interest. Stalin enslaved Poland, true —

Understanding our dilemma

By DAVID KRIVINE

to that was out of fear of yet another Western invasion. The most recent one had cost his country 20 million lives.

It is a mistake, says Eban, to make an ideology of the East-West confrontation. The Americans "portrayed what was really a normal conflict of interests as an incurable collision of ideas and principles. This transformed the Cold War from a classical power struggle between states into a worldwide crusade by the 'free world' against 'international Communism'."

The Soviets are human too, they also are split between optimists who would like an opening to the West and pessimists who fell back on the rigidities of orthodoxy. "Which of these trends will prevail depends in part on whether the West opens arms control options, or whether it concentrates on escalating the arms race. In the latter case, the orthodox school is more likely to be strengthened in the USSR."

IS THAT VIEW not excessively indulgent? Should the world pander to Soviet intransigence? Right-wingers in Israel pose the same question about their own regional enemy, the Arabs. Is there any point in treating with them, are they not beyond the pale?

Eban's answer makes nonsense of the chest-beating pugnacity prevalent among the supporters of a Greater Israel. What he points out — in the U.S.-Russian context — is that there is no alternative to the search for an accommodation.

The demonological attitude doesn't work. "The idea that the Soviet Union has no particular aver-

not give a damn for other countries' interests, only for their own. Disputes should therefore be settled by those directly affected, "whose interests would be harmed by failure and served by success."

Countries not affected are more likely to take irresponsible attitudes. "Nations with no crucial interest in a dispute may band together to 'outvote' states whose very survival is at stake." They will support a certain side on an issue for the most cynical reason — to gain the support of that side in return, when their own problem comes up for debate.

In short, there is no such thing as internationalism. This is not disillusionment, it is realism, the realism of a professional diplomat.

EBAN SEES Europe in its proper perspective, as a place which has receded from its former glories. His description, here as elsewhere, is breathtaking in its perception and lucidity. Those ancient societies have shed some of their once-proud individual character.

"The architecture of modern Europe is becoming homogenized on the American model, losing the intimacy of the old streets and village patterns. The traditional emphasis on history and letters is yielding its priority, even in France, to the mathematical and technical disciplines in which national particularity is lost from view."

The countries in question have lost something of the past and have not gained any new collective identity. The Common Market started with great expectations but they have been disappointed. Its expansion did not help. "The original Six had a

cohesion which is weaker with the Ten and will become further diluted with the Twelve."

Europe's lack of solidarity with the Americans isn't just a perverse caprice. As in Russia's hostile policies, there is a reason. America's pledge to protect Europe cannot be relied on totally. "It is natural for Europe to invest in a second line of defence — by reducing Soviet motivation to move against European states." This involves more deference to the Russians than the U.S. would like.

Which is understandable. The Americans talk of "theatre nuclear weapons." What does that mean? A limited nuclear war in the European theatre, most likely, with nuclear safety for themselves.

Yet Eban finds all the self-pity weak-kneed. A nuclear clash is unlikely; more striking is the Soviet preponderance in conventional arms. Why does Western Europe let this happen? It has a greater population than the Soviet Union, larger steel capacity, a more sophisticated industry.

Why doesn't it build a proper armed force of its own? "In the absence of a common enterprise," Eban observes, "the tone of European policy becomes querulous and negative."

THE SOVIET Union that lies behind these encounters. There is nothing parochial about the book. Its perspective is global.

Eban's attitude is severely practical. The public dislikes deterrence because it is unromantic. An exchange of threats — is that the best we can do? Says Eban: "Moralists might prefer a more enlightened and altruistic motive for the avoidance of nuclear war than the fear of retribution. But if no other motive exists, we might as well cherish what we have."

His conclusion: humanity must lower its sights and content itself with modest objectives. The Americans will not eliminate Russian totalitarianism; the Russians will not overthrow capitalism. Nations will continue to bicker and quarrel. Insoluble problems will drag on unresolved.

The answer is to bank down fires, prevent situations from deteriorating, hold disputes in check. Force is necessary, but force alone does not create order. Order arises out of consensus. That must be sought through "non-coercive diplomacy." "In a world of sovereign states" there is no substitute for persuasion.

The overriding objective is to prevent hostility and carnage. If that's done even by tame inglorious means, by back-room gives-and-takes and by patched-up agreements, we should be thankful for small mercies — bearing in mind what an unpeopled war could mean in this day and age.

"War prevented," Eban says, "is a kind of peace, perhaps the only kind of peace that nations will ever know."

THE GRAND PLAN unveiled this weekend by Jewish Agency Chairman Arye Dulin for a half-billion dollar assault on the problems of Jewish education in the Diaspora inspires considerable scepticism at first glance. Who needs yet another expensive programme in that politically bloated bureaucracy that is only barely accountable to the Jewish people and the State of Israel?

And yet, the plan serves as a reminder that the Jewish people faces a threat to its long-term survival in the Diaspora from the pressures and enticements of assimilation and intermarriage.

The draft proposal obtained by *The Jerusalem Post* notes that 50 per cent of Jews in the West have little or no contact with organized Jewish life, and that in the U.S. no more than 40 per cent of Jewish children receive some form of Jewish education. In other countries, the situation is much worse.

When Dulin presents some of the main points of the plan this weekend to the General Assembly of Jewish Federations in the U.S., he will ask the delegates: "Will your great-grandchildren sit in such an assembly 25 or 50 years from now?"

The plan is contained in a booklet entitled *A Jewish Agency Programme for Jewish Education in the Coming Decades*, circulated under the chairman's signature. The proposal was written by Haim Zohar, a director of two Agency funds for Jewish education, Prof. Seymour Fox, of the School of Education of the Hebrew University, and Prof.

A master plan for education

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

THE SAME is true of the Diaspora. There would be no need for such a massive attack on the problem if the Diaspora institutions were doing their job. If "Building Anew" means fostering excellence, then this implies something about what exists, and it is not very flattering.

TWO attractive slogans — "Strengthening What Exists" and "Building Anew" — chart the organizational course for the plan. Translated into the nitty-gritty of bureaucratic politics, this means that the authors of the plan are willing to commit an unspecified amount of money to pacifying the Agency and WZO officials and powerholders who might see their empires threatened.

Dulin, too, uses the "Strengthening What Exists" slogan to allay suspicions of his Diaspora audience that the Agency is plotting to spend their money on developing new programmes without consulting them.

Strengthening what exists in the Agency and WZO means, among other things, bolstering the waste, duplication, political protektzia and time-server mentality that thrives in these two interlinked organizations. The value of the \$50m. in Jewish education programmes run by them is still a big question mark, since little serious evaluation research has been conducted to determine what effects they have had on the thousands of Jewish youths who have taken part in them over the years.

There are many education experts who question the value of evaluation research itself as a tool for understanding what impact a programme has on its participants.

Either way, one faces a bind. Believers in the reliability of evaluation research could question the wisdom of a commitment to pour millions of dollars more into existing programmes before their effectiveness is seriously examined. Sceptics could say that it would be difficult to distinguish between the quality of "conventional" programmes already functioning and the "innovative" ones to be pushed by the grand plan.

The only sound reason for a blanket commitment to strengthen what exists seems to be political: it is necessary to forestall opposition from vested interests in the Agency-WZO that have already started grumbling about the plan.

have gone to institutions closely associated with other men who play a key role in allocating the money, namely Fox and Daniel Tropper. The Hebrew University has received \$1m. for its Centre for Jewish Education in the Diaspora. Geshur Educational Affiliates, which was founded by Tropper, received \$1.4m.

These built-in conflicts of interest — which I fully documented in *The Post* earlier this year — can be expected on a much grander scale if Dulin's new project is implemented in accordance with the present proposal.

ANOTHER POTENTIAL trouble-spot is the concentration of power this proposal would create. The money and prestige invested in the International Resource Centre would dwarf the few other sponsors of innovative work in Jewish education around the world. This field is not blessed with a pluralistic structure of foundations that could fund projects that do not please the centre's ruling powers.

Such a concentration of power would also stifle the free discussion in Jewish education that the authors of the proposal claim they want to stimulate.

When gathering material for the article on the Joint Programme, I found that anyone familiar with it refused to speak on the record. They were either connected in some way to the programme or hoped to get money from it in the future.

DULZIN PROMISES his Diaspora audience that the project would be based on the principle of accountability. The Agency makes the pretence of being accountable to Diaspora Jewry by spending exorbitant sums to ship Diaspora leaders here twice a year for a Board of Governors meeting. There, they are spoon-fed with information and resolutions, vote hurriedly on a number of issues and then head for home. Only in rare instances, such as the Kotelwitz affair, have Diaspora leaders had the gumption to enforce this so-called accountability.

IT WOULD NOT be worth taking all this up were it not for the seriousness of the problem of Jewish survival and for the imaginative programmes included in the grand plan, that appear under the heading "Building Anew."

Two of these are the development of an international fellowship of Jewish educators through the centre and a comprehensive project for revitalizing the role of the Jewish family as an educational force.

The Jerusalem Fellows programme, now in its second year, provides a three-year, all-expenses-paid

school, youth groups, summer camps, adult education, weekend retreats, and study in Israel.

It also seeks to expand the existing programme developed by Prof. Davis for fostering the teaching of Jewish civilization at universities around the world. The plan notes that this would be one way to reach the overwhelming majority of young Diaspora Jews who study at universities and who, for the most part, are not affiliated to Jewish organizations.

IT IS REGRETTABLE that the interesting programmes presented in the plan are part of a package that forces them to compromise with the politically corrupt structure of the Agency and WZO. No matter how much stress is put on the slogan of "excellence" in the plan, the parties and department heads will probably find a way to subvert it for their own narrow purposes.

The proposal deserves a serious public debate, but it is unlikely to get it. The Hebrew press in Israel pays little attention to such issues, the parties have their interests to protect in the WZO and the Agency, and the Diaspora leaders are used to handling their affairs behind closed doors.

Without a critical airing, the proposal is likely to grow into another Agency boondoggle.

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GREAT EXPECTATIONS

By DAVID LANDAU/Post Diplomatic Correspondent

"We cannot ignore the Syrian threat. The pace of their armament programme is frenetic, almost irrational..."



(Israel Sun)

sent for. I don't like doing things half-baked. Even with the prime minister, when I speak in my NRP hat — I fight. I talk tough. And he understands it; he expects me to."

Another grudging compliment for Ben-Meir voiced by a *Jerusalem Post* colleague this week was that he had been two years on the job "and hasn't made a major *fashla* (slip-up)." Actually, he has been at the Foreign Ministry for 27 months — and even the crusty professionals there give him high marks for tact and intelligence on the job.

His relations with Shamir, as he himself says, have been exemplary. "It's no secret that I enjoy the work — and that I enjoy the full confidence of the minister, broad freedom of action and a warm relationship."

HAS HIS ROLE changed in the absence of Shamir?

"There is no absence," he shoots back with superb political polish. Shamir still takes all the major decisions. He spends one full day a week at the Foreign Ministry, and keeps in close touch the rest of the time through Ben-Meir, Director-General David Kimche, and political aide Yossi Ben-Aharon. But naturally, there is more now for the deputy minister to do. This week, for instance, he summoned the German ambassador in order to deliver a stern Israeli complaint over possible arms sales to Saudi Arabia, and he led the ministry team at a working session with U.S. Presidential Envoy Donald Rumsfeld.

It is thus a painful paradox — "but that's politics," says Ben-Meir philosophically — that just when he has risen in importance and influence, his position as deputy minister should have become tenuous and uncertain. The press is full of speculation regarding David Levy's imminent appointment as minister. If that happens, says Ben-Meir, "I would definitely give up the post. I think it would be unfair to saddle a new minister with a 'sitting' deputy." (Formally his resignation would be automatic, but Ben-Meir says he would quit "politically" too — that is, he would relinquish his conditional claim to the post.) Plainly, he is hoping that this

does not happen, and that Shamir stays on as foreign minister, with himself comfortably — and confidently, after his two years' experience — ensconced in the deputy's seat.

AN EVEN MORE painful paradox for Ben-Meir is that his success at the Foreign Ministry has been in inverse proportion to his party's political fortunes.

He does not mince words but speaks openly of "our very serious crisis" and wonders whether the NRP is capable of recovery.

According to Ben-Meir, that will depend on Interior Minister Yosef Burg and his Lamiye faction, who caused the sickness and now are preventing the cure.

The results of the recent local elections, in which the Young Guard under Zevulun Hammer and Ben-Meir appeared in break-away lists in 16 places, were a disaster for the NRP, says Ben-Meir, although, he asserts, the Young Guard candidates generally did well. Lamiye's efforts to misrepresent the statistics (the claims of Lamiye that the NRP actually gained ground) are pathetically misguided, says Ben-Meir, "because no one takes them seriously, and because they confuse party members as to the true gravity of our situation."

There is a paradox-within-a-paradox in the Young Guard's attacks on Lamiye. After years of waiting — impatiently but resignedly — for nature to run its course, now, with Burg aged 74 and Ben-Natan no spring chicken either, Hammer and Ben-Meir are proposing to tear apart the sadly depleted NRP. They are openly threatening a split unless the Lamiye-run party machine cedes some of its power.

"The Kibbutz Hadati have proposed a seven-man 'emergency leadership,' with Burg, Hammer, and five top, non-factional figures. We agreed, but Burg's reply was negative. It is completely mad for a party to stand or fall upon one man."

The Young Guard say their independent slate would draw back many of the Sephardi votes which the NRP lost in the 1981 election. They would have a half-Sephardi, half-Ashkenazi list. But Ben-Meir is evasive when asked specifically whether the Young Guard plan to reunite with Aharon Abuhazzeira's Tami.

of the necessity of staying put for the time being. "They didn't accept — rightly or wrongly — that being in the Shouf contributed directly to our national interest. But they accept that if we were to leave the Awali line, the vacuum would quickly be filled by terrorists, and Galilee would be threatened again. If not today then tomorrow. If not Arafat — then Abu Musa's men."

As for keeping the Awali bridges open, this too is a security consideration. "It is not a matter of security versus politics. If that were the case, we wouldn't hesitate. But even in purely security terms, closing the bridges would be detrimental. The south would become a pressure-cooker."

"At the same time, we have had to become stricter in our checks. The local populace must understand it, and they do. After all, they don't want terrorism either."

THE REDEPLOYMENT was important, too, "in demonstrating to our people that we are doing everything we can to avoid war. It's vital that people see this and understand it. The central aim of this government and the main thrust of its policy is to avoid war."

Angrily, impatiently, Ben-Meir brushes aside a half-question, half-remark about the launching of the Lebanon war in 1982.

"The way to avoid war," he continues, "is deterrence. Our desire for cooperation with the U.S. is in order to create a situation that will deter the Syrians from making war."

"I fully believe we can avoid war: by a wise foreign policy that will deprive Syrian aggression of international support; by a strong defence policy; and by our internal cohesion. One of the dangers is that the Syrians may be reading us wrongly. This nation will 'rise up like a lion' — every one of us — if war is forced on us."

"But we cannot ignore the Syrian threat. The pace of their armament programme is frenetic, almost irrational. And it's not just hardware stacked in crates; everything is used. There is a massive surge forward in training. When all this is linked with the increased bellicosity of their rhetoric, their repeated

commitment to achieving strategic parity, it becomes doubly disturbing."

Ben-Meir reveals that, at the Lebanese conciliation conference in Geneva last week, Abdul Khalim Kaddam, the Syrian foreign minister, crudely threatened Israel "and all who collaborate with her." Syria's seemingly limitless Soviet support adds, of course, an ominous dimension to such threats.

Are we then in a 1956-type situation?

The deputy foreign minister rejects the comparison out of hand. "Israel," he says, "is strong enough today not to have to launch a preemptive war. If we are attacked, we

can, with God's help, hold our own and roll back the aggressor."

MEASURED, moderate, thoughtful, cautious — this is hardly the pushy, strident, argumentative Yehuda Ben-Meir we used to know. Kachleff was his sobriquet in his earlier Knesset career. The Yiddish word means ladle; it denotes a busybody type always at the centre of things and stirring things up.

Indeed, the deputy minister was recently paid a backhanded compliment by a new cabinet minister who meets frequently with him in Knesset and coalition forums. "Jekyll and Hyde" was this minister's judgment. In cabinet (where Ben-Meir

often reports on foreign policy issues) he is the model of soft-spoken discretion, serious analysis and responsible conciseness. "Not at all how we know him in the House."

But Ben-Meir, a lecturer in psychology before he joined the government, says he has "no problem of split personality, though I say so myself. The issue is not one's personality, but one's environment, the responsibilities incumbent upon one."

He doesn't accept the *kachleff* image. "It isn't true. The point is that when I represent my party, I do so with all the vigour I can muster. That's my duty. That's what I'm

Getting out of Lebanon

By ASHER WALLFISH/Post Knesset Correspondent

LABOUR LEADER Shimon Peres holds that Israel must not make the IDF withdrawal from Southern Lebanon conditional on Syria's military pullback from Lebanon.

Even though it was precisely this condition which underpinned the three-way agreement between Israel, Lebanon and the U.S. that came out of the Khalde negotiations, the former defence minister says that Israel must be flexible and pragmatic.

"There is no reason whatever for Israel to make its own implementation of the agreement conditional on Syrian implementation," Peres told *The Jerusalem Post* this week, during an interview in the small room that the Knesset puts at his disposal for his duties as leader of the opposition. (Officially this post is not recognized by the Knesset or the Government.)

"We have to pull the IDF out, at the time most suitable to us, and after we shall have implemented those elements of the agreement most vital to us," he says. "If need be, we shall implement them unilaterally."

Peres, who was one of the architects of the military aid arrangement between Israel and the Christian Phalange over seven years ago, had told me earlier in the week: "We told them then we wouldn't fight their battle, and we didn't expect them to fight our battles."

Peres is one of the many who emphasize that Israel would be committing a major error if it kept forces in Southern Lebanon permanently.

"To keep the IDF there for ever, as Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee chairman Eliahu Ben-Elissar urges, would make us responsible for the fate of a million Arabs in Southern Lebanon, the majority of whom are Shi'a Muslims and the rest Christian and Druse minorities," Peres says.

"Terrorist strikes against the IDF in Southern Lebanon are not a traditional reflection of Palestinian hostility. They are, for the most part, the result of our occupation. The attackers strike at our forces in the hope that the IDF will withdraw," Peres says. His inference was clear: to stay in Southern Lebanon would perpetuate a vicious circle of occupation — terrorism — headline repression.

THE LABOUR PARTY chairman stresses that Israel's underlying objective should be to ensure the security of Galilee by indirect means.

According to this principle, the strip between the border and the Zaharani River would be policed by the territorial battalion specified in the Israel-Lebanon agreement. "That means local militias of various origins under an overall command."

Peres believed that the strip to the north between the Zaharani and the Awali Rivers could be controlled by one or by several forces in various combinations — local militias; UNIFIL; a different UN force; or a multi-national force not set up by the United Nations.

Peres recalls that the agreement also entitles the IDF to patrol by sea and by air in order to detect any hostile presence, just as it envisages intelligence units to be present on land in order to provide early warning of terrorist intent.

"We would obviously feel ourselves free at all times to take selective military action inside Southern Lebanon against terrorist presence there," he adds.

The former defence minister, perhaps thinking of the thousands of IDF soldiers lining the Awali River today, said: "We must not let Galilee's security depend on fortifications. Nor can we rely on proxies alone. Our best guarantee is the option of the mobile strike if need be."

DESPITE THE recent talk in Jerusalem and in Washington about the two governments' sharing the same approach with regard to Lebanon, Peres feels that no coordinated policy yet exists.

"I don't believe in negotiations with Syria over withdrawal, even through the intermediary of the United States," Peres says. "The practical approach must be to contain Syria within its present lines in Lebanon."

"Negotiations can merely improve Syria's bargaining cards. Hence the outcome of any negotiations could only leave Syria better off and in a stronger position than it is today."

Peres holds that for far too long, the U.S. administration clung to an overly optimistic assessment of Syria's intentions. It clung to the unrealistic belief that Syria was willing to quit Lebanon.

"The Americans were going about it the wrong way. They, and we too, must pursue a policy of firmness over Lebanon, and not a policy of compromise."

Turning to the future of Lebanon as a state, Peres expresses his hope that a coalition of all communities would be the answer, and not partition or even cantonization.

"It seems to me that the Christian leaders do indeed want a national coalition embracing all elements. But they won't get that, unless they're willing to pay the price. Demographic changes have rendered the constitutional arrangements fixed over 40 years ago unworkable."

Peres calls for "realistic amendments" to the Lebanese constitution.

stitution as the only door to a national coalition — if that is what the Lebanese themselves want.

"The longer they procrastinate, the longer the Christians postpone giving the other communities a larger slice of power, the stronger these communities will become. The price is getting steeper all the time," Peres says.

He notes that in the 18 months since the IDF entered Lebanon, the Druse, as well as the Shi'a communities, had become perceptibly stronger.

"Obviously non-Lebanese soldiers from Israel or the U.S. or France or elsewhere can stiffen the Christians' resolve while they're on the spot. But they can't enable the Christians to wield majority power and dominate Lebanon's destiny. Foreign rifles are only a stopgap."

He warns that the only hope for a national coalition demands "courage, speed and decisiveness on the part of the Christian leadership before its position weakens still further."

PERES AGREES that Israel must walk a tightrope between the communities in Lebanon. "We must go on record that we will not let anybody harm the Christian community, while still working for coexistence, even friendship, with the Druse and the Shi'a."

As for the Druse, he recalls that the community always enjoyed a modicum of autonomy in its mountain fastnesses, and "should not enjoy any less autonomy than it did before."

"The Druse community has a unique problem, being small in numbers and dispersed through three countries in a region of repeated conflict, as well as being a tiny minority within the Arab world as a whole. We must do what we can to help them survive physically as a minority without living in needless conflict with their more powerful neighbours."

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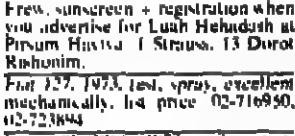
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IN THE ECONOMIC sphere, we Israelis often suffer from two ailments: the Texas syndrome and expertitis. The Texas syndrome's main symptom is the belief that our inflation, dollar gap and budget deficit are faster, bigger and deeper than in any other country or period. Expertitis is the irresistible urge to pounce on visiting scholars — even those between planes — and press them for pat solutions to our fiscal woes.

I succumbed to both, and waylaid Walt Whitman Rostow, University of Texas economics professor and former president Lyndon Johnson's national security adviser and his wife Elspeth, dean of the university's School of Public Affairs. They were on a four-month world lecture tour.

Both Rostows read and write history. Together with their global jaunt, this gave their responses a broad perspective that swept across expanses of time and space, curing my Texas syndrome and persuading me that expertitis is wisdom, not folly.

It was a few days before October's record 21.1 per cent rise in the consumer price index was announced, and I asked Walt Rostow whether Israel's three-digit inflation was exceptional.

"You have an exaggerated version of what many countries had, including the United States," he replied. "Excessive inflation, a large balance of payments deficit, sectors with outmoded industry, and no policies in place to deal with them. You cannot take more out of society than you put in. This is what the United States has been doing and what Israel has been doing. It is bound to produce not only inflation, but also an erosion of your capital stock."

What was the solution? He urged that we adopt an "incomes policy," or package deal, where government, employers and workers strike a mutually profitable agreement on wages, prices and taxes.

"To reconcile full employment with stable prices," he explained, "you need a lot of internal discipline. You can only get this internal discipline through what I call the three-legged stool approach to inflation — incomes policy, fiscal policy and monetary policy. Without that kind of discipline, I don't know of any gimmick that can solve your economic problems."

Rostow quoted Hans Seidel, Austria's finance minister, who told the U.S. Joint Economic Committee recently that the basis of an incomes policy is an agreement in society that we're all in the same boat and steering in the same direction.

"That means that in national wage negotiations, what's happening to productivity, prices, the balance of payments, all these things are highly relevant to a country's economic performance. They must be put on the table and

Economic syndromes

By SHLOMO MAITAL/Special to The Jerusalem Post

taken into account."

As examples, he pointed to Germany and Japan, which have important annual wage negotiations that settle the structure of salaries.

"The key to the Japanese success at controlling inflation is not the so-called 'spring struggle' negotiations, but the fact that workers and management meet two or three times a year without any negotiations, to take stock. As a result, when they meet in the spring, the wage bargaining takes place within a very narrow range. The Japanese very intelligently gear part of money wages to profits, by paying bonuses twice a year."

"Inflation evokes a version of Clemenceau's remark about generals and war. Inflation is too serious a matter for economists alone to solve. The solution has got to be political, social and institutional. People have got to agree on something that is inescapably true: there is no way to have a rise in real income except through a rise in productivity. Government can pretend that it is guaranteeing real income, but if the productivity performance of society doesn't yield it, all government does is guarantee inflation."

ONE OF THE key legs of Israel's shaky economic stool is American foreign aid. Congress has just approved \$2.61 billion in aid, with \$1.75 billion of this as an outright grant. Was there any reason for us to fear sharp cuts in future aid?

"I would guess not," Elspeth Rostow replied. "I wouldn't anticipate that the sum that comes to Israel is in immediate danger. However, I don't see today the strong tie between standard American liberalism and the enthusiastic support of aid that I saw 30 years ago."

"If you play American performance with regard to Israel without a 'sound track,' without the noises of the system," her husband added, "you find a quite extraordinary degree of continuity in U.S. support for Israel at critical moments. This support is a result of the convergence of two broad strands that make up American policy — ideology and sentiment, which is important but not sufficient, and common strategic interests. If you take the two together, you have a

stable foundation for the U.S.-Israel relation, from the American side."

What were his views on Israel's decision to float her exchange rate in 1977, and on last month's fracas over the "dollarization" plan?

"Many economists believed that floating exchange rates were a panacea, and would relieve nations of the discipline of balancing the dollars they earn and the dollars they spend," he said, referring to the 1973 shift in the world monetary system from fixed to floating rates. "They thought floating rates would give countries sovereignty over their domestic policies and let them engage in all kinds of nonsense without paying the price. This proved fallacious. It turns out that there is no hiding place."

As for dollarization, Rostow hedged cautiously that he had not yet heard a responsible exposition of this plan.

"But," he added, "it seems to me to belong among a whole array of formulas being discussed in the U.S. and other countries, whose aim is to try to recapture discipline in society without facing up to the task of getting people to discipline themselves. It lies among efforts to solve economic problems by some automatic gadgetry, instead of going to the people and saying simply, look, we can't have a civilized society unless we stop taking out more than we put in."

CONVERSATION shifted to politics and national security. Who did Elspeth Rostow, a keen observer of American politics, think will be elected president in 1984?

"My best guess is that it's going to be a tight election," she said. "But a surging economy plus some foreign policy successes, should they occur, would give President Reagan an edge, should he decide to run. If he does run, and runs against Walter Mondale, who is the leading Democratic candidate at the moment, it could be a tight race, but the logic appears to be that the incumbent will work for Reagan. I think that Reagan should have a better chance at holding the White House than Mr. Mondale, say, would have had losing him."

"However, guessing who is going to be president is very tough. Election years are fraught with difficulties for us, because many other

parts of the world may look in our direction and stir up trouble. Going back to 1816, you can find a long series of U.S. presidential elections where other countries have acted on the premise that America would be too busy at home to react." As examples, she cited the 1916 decision of the German general staff to engage in submarine warfare, and the 1979-80 Tehran hostage crisis. "I don't look forward to 1984 as a very quiet year, or a very pleasant year," she concluded.

WALT ROSTOW served for three years as national security adviser to Lyndon Johnson. What was his opinion on the recommendation of the Agranat Commission, and obliquely the Kahan Commission, as well as many Israeli experts, that Israel's prime minister should have a similar, independent adviser on intelligence and security?

"I don't know enough about Israel to make a dogmatic recommendation," he replied, "but I would say it is extraordinarily important that there be no monopoly on intelligence information in government. Intelligence should be a competitive game, like academic life. Intelligence officers can become fixated on certain views of the world. The government leader should have people around him capable of presenting to him the spectrum of views on intelligence, who holds those views and on what evidence, so that he is not handed some negotiated net judgment as the word."

"The great danger is for the leader to be trapped by some compromise consensus of his bureaucracy. An adviser can be helpful, not by putting his judgment over those of his cabinet colleagues, but by understanding all the views in government with clarity, so that he can present them with sympathy. Every leader does this in his own way," Franklin Roosevelt did it by having overlapping authority, so that he got good policy debates. Winston Churchill did it by reading.

"I worked for three years in the British Air Ministry, in intelligence. Once, a paper I had drafted came back to me with a note in the margin: 'Pray, sir, on what evidence is this extraordinary statement made?' W.C. When that happens once or twice, it makes you alert."

Understandably, the Rostows were reluctant to pass judgment, during a brief visit, on the "correct economics" of Yoram Aridor. Nonetheless, Walt Rostow provided a fitting epitaph for his tombstone, by recalling H.L. Mencken's quip: "For all human problems, there is an answer which is simple, neat... and wrong."

Few economists, lady, have read Mencken.

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A different approach

By A. E. NORDEN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE FOLLOWING message, signed by the U.S. and Israel, should be sent through channels to the recuperating Hafez Assad in Damascus.

"OK, you win. You've shown that you're smarter, better informed and more brutal than we are. To the winner go the spoils — Lebanon. Or to be more exact, two-thirds of Lebanon, from the Awali River northwards. The marines are leaving Beirut, and the IDF is getting out of Southern Lebanon, but the Awali will be a red line across which your troops and proxies must not go."

"Furthermore, it is understood that from now on, your way over the greater part of Lebanon means that you will be held responsible for it. This is only fair. In particular, you will be held responsible for any attack on Israel by anyone from any part of Lebanon, north or south of the Awali. Any such attack will be considered by both the U.S. and Israel as an attack by Syrians on Syrian territory, and will be dealt with as such."

"We wish you a full recovery and

good luck in trying to digest Lebanon, and respectfully remind you not to forget the new rules of the game."

OF COURSE, if the U.S. and Israel abandoned Lebanon thus to Assad, it would be thought of by the prisoners of the conventional wisdom as a black eye for the West and a feather in the Syrians' cap. The West's stock would drop, that of its enemies would shoot up.

Perhaps, therefore, the West — this boils down to the U.S. — should spring a diplomatic/political offensive to go with its military redeployment. Perhaps the U.S. should couple its private message to Assad with some public declarations of a new, surprising, aggressive and credible policy, aimed not only at Syria, but at the other Arabs and, indirectly, but unmistakably, at America's only true ally in the Middle East as well.

Picture Reagan announcing that by July 4, 1984, the last marine will be out of Beirut and the last Israeli soldier out of the South Bank of the Awali, and that if by that date Assad has not started peace talks with Israel — direct talks without preconditions — the U.S. will accept as legal and permanent Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights.

And to Egypt's Mubarak and Jordan's Hussein and the Palestinians of the West Bank, the candidate for another four years at the White House would say, publicly: "Resume the so-called autonomy negotiations with the Israelis now without preconditions, or I'll let the Zionists do what they choose with the rest of Palestine. If you carry or where Sadat left off, I'll back you, I not, forget it."

For good measure, Reagan could even threaten to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish state.

Who knows what such a message to Assad, and such a series of declarations, might do to concentrate all kinds of minds, Arab and Jewish?

Hard work that pays

By SASHA SADAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"YOU KNOW that scissors cut and a pen writes," says Dror Gilboa. He is talking about the vast streams of knowledge we all absorb long before we enter grade school. Only not all of us do.

Gilboa is the principal of the Eddy Shore Centre, a school for 40 children in Jerusalem's Talpott neighbourhood. There the knowledge trickles in — and it's hard work for the children, who range in age from three to seven, and come from as far away as Beit She'an, Matei Yehuda and Kfar Rimon.

It's hard work, too, for the staff, which includes a speech therapist, a physiotherapist, an occupational therapist, a music therapist and a psychologist, plus teacher's aides and volunteers to help out in the school's five classes.

These children need all the help they can get. They are behind in their development, some mildly, some more so. Why?

In certain cases, the diagnosis is clear: if not, happy autism and Downs Syndrome. Other children's problems are a mystery. Dror mentions a boy who came to the school labelled as retarded, but time and hard work showed that he wasn't.

HOW MUCH these children can be taught is a serious question, and the answer changes constantly. Not so long ago, experts believed that not much could be done with Downs Syndrome children. Today at Eddy Shore some Downs children are "mainstreamed" twice a week into regular kindergartens.

The centre receives funding from the Ministry of Education and the Jerusalem Municipality, and help from Akim, the organization for the retarded in Israel. But every year there seems to be a new paring of budgets, and the effects are felt.

Two examples: Last year the school had a speech therapist's help for 40 hours a week. This year, she was cut to half that time. Hot lunches, which the school's staff consider very important when children stay in school until 2:30 in the afternoon, are not being provided this year. No budget.

The help The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund provides cannot remedy this situation. But it can provide certain "extras" — the toys and games that may not be top priority in terms of educational goals, but are top priority in a child's heart. A teddy bear, which can be a best friend for years, is unlikely to be included in any government budget.

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Patt: Price-gougers will be punished

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Shopkeepers who overcharge for price-controlled goods will face stiff penalties, Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt announced yesterday. Patt said the latest increases in the prices of basic food staples must not be an invitation to unscrupulous merchants to hike prices indiscriminately.

In Jerusalem, the secretary of the capital's Merchants Association Abraham Birnbaum — representing hundreds of grocers — charged the ministry was out to "entrap" hardworking shopkeepers. He said inspectors are issuing summonses for minor price violations, which are not due to grocers' dishonesty but to a lack of communication between them and the ministry.

To prove his point, the secretary produced the last circular of maximum resale prices published by the ministry — dated March 1983.

"Since then," he told The Jerusalem Post, "the ministry had discontinued publishing these tables and instead is placing price list adverts in selected newspapers."

"Most of our hardworking grocers never get a chance to read a newspaper — even those who know to read. Chances are that they occasionally increase their prices a few agorot above the permissible limit. This is not done intentionally, but accidentally, after they figure their costs."

Menahem Ravoy, spokesman for the Ministry of Industry and Trade, told The Post: "We have discontinued publishing price posters for shops because by the time we printed and distributed them, prices had risen again. That's why we now advertise in newspapers. To save money, we place only two adverts each time there is a price increase: one in a morning paper and one in an afternoon paper. We cannot afford to advertise in all newspapers."

700 licensed firearms said stolen each year

Jerusalem Post Reporter

About 700 pistols, hunting and air rifles, and other weapons are stolen each year from their licensed owners, Moshe Weiss, director of the Interior Ministry's licensing and inspection division, disclosed this week.

The weapons are taken from homes, shops and automobiles, and find their way to the underworld and "other hostile elements," he

said. The division, which is now mailing out renewal forms for firearm licenses, reminds holders that leaving a weapons in a parked motor vehicle is a violation of the law.

There are 170,000 licensed owners of firearms in the country. Possession of a firearm without a license can lead to a five year prison sentence, Weiss warned.

Woman held for impersonating officer

A 28-year-old Jerusalem woman has been detained on suspicion of posing as an army officer and of passing off her sister's cheques. The woman was detained after a policeman noticed that the captain's epaulettes on her army uniform were put on the wrong way.

While he was investigating, he learned that the woman was wanted on suspicion of using her sister's cheques. The sister is in hospital. The woman reportedly successfully used the army uniform to persuade her boyfriend to return things he had stolen from her. The suspect is cooperating with the police and is expected to be released on bail. (Lim)

Move rabbinical courts to Justice Ministry

Post Knesset Correspondent

Deputy Minister Dov Shilansky yesterday wrote Justice Minister Moshe Nissim urging him to transfer the rabbinical court system to the aegis of Nissim's ministry. The courts now come under the control of the Religious Affairs Ministry.

Shilansky, deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office and a veteran lawyer, wrote Nissim that the State Comptroller's findings on

mismangement in the rabbinical court were "scandalous."

State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik noted in his last report that many rabbinical courts, including some in Jerusalem, sat without a full complement of *dayanim* (religious judges) as a matter of course. Tunik pointed out that *dayanim* who have not attended hearings have signed the court's judgement without having read a transcript of the proceedings.

Police think lowered wages will keep away new recruits

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Despite promises yesterday from the Treasury that there will be no cuts in police recruitment budgets, senior police sources doubt whether the police can attract recruits in the coming months because of lowered wages.

The police department's top-ranks — down to *patrol* (chief inspector) — have been told that from next month their gross salary will be about 10 per cent less, because of cuts in various perquisites.

This week, when the salary cuts were announced, judges in the Tel Aviv Labour Court heard complaints from policemen who say that the Interior Ministry and the police

force have broken an agreement

THE TIME the Koreans made off with the Jordan River is not the most remarkable tale Motti Kistrinsky tells. After all, that happened only once and he managed to get it back. Much more astonishing is his claim that the puny stream, narrow enough normally to throw a stone across it, transforms itself every few years into a Mississippi-like torrent as much as four kilometres wide.

Kistrinsky is a hydraulic engineer, not a weaver of legends. During a recent tour along the river bank in the lower Jordan Valley, he noted that the greenish stream winding gently through the canebroke was barely a metre or two deep and 30-40 metres wide.

"Its dimensions increase every winter, when the rains set in. But every few years there is major flooding. The river then can be three or four kilometres wide and eight to 10 metres deep at its centre."

Egypt no longer has to cope with the annual flooding of the Nile since the construction of the Aswan Dam, but Israel is now having to learn to deal with the Jordan's flooding as it clears prime land along the western bank in the lower valley.

Kistrinsky, a deputy director of the World Zionist Organization settlement department, has been reading the literature on the Nile and the Shatt el-Arab which drains the Euphrates and Tigris and is likewise given to seasonal flooding.

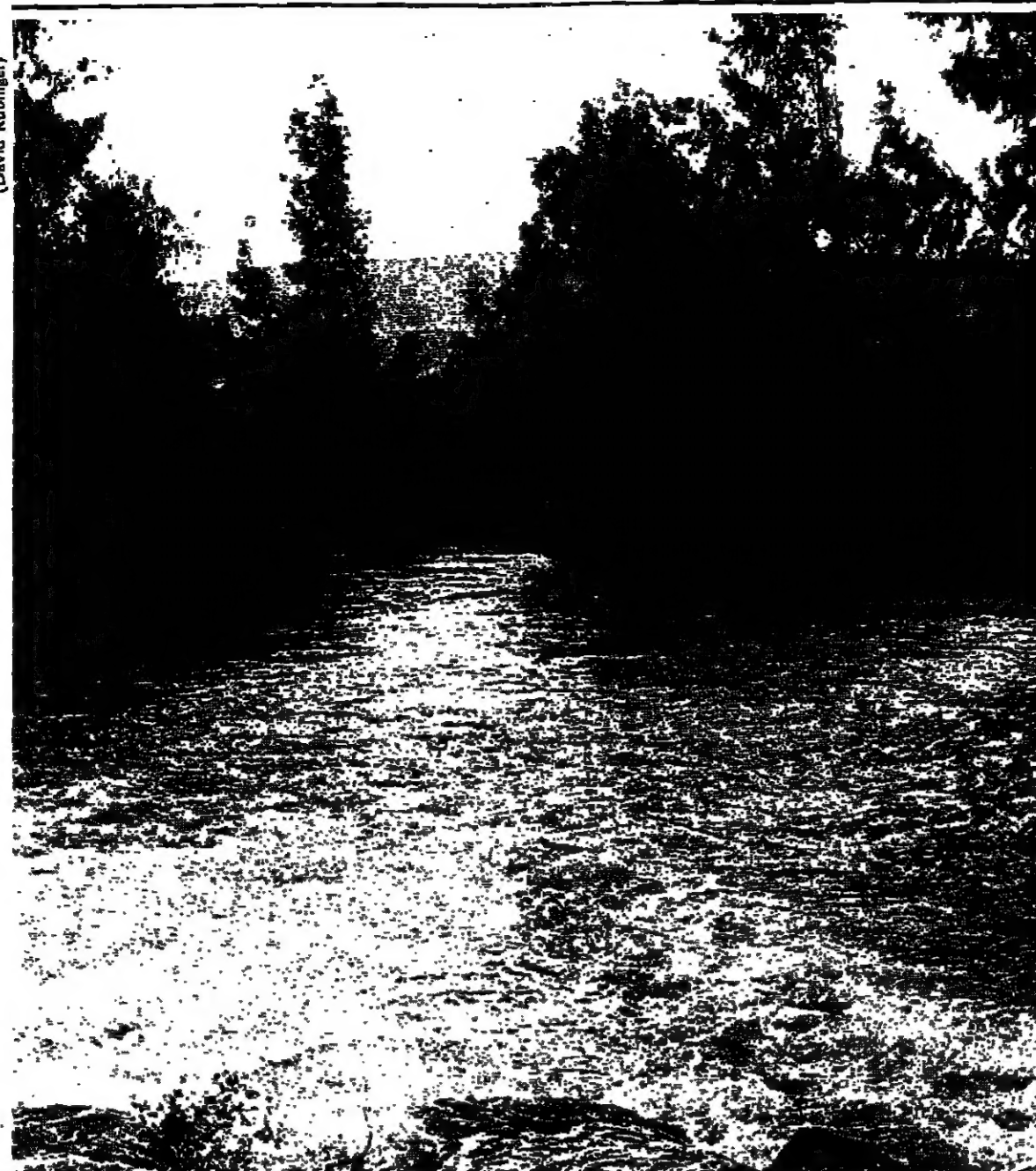
Such flooding can be either a boon or a disaster. "If the water rises and recedes rapidly it causes erosion, and if the water doesn't recede for a long time it ruins the crops," says Kistrinsky.

The way to turn the flooding to good use is to shape the flood-prone area into a moderate slope provided every 100 metres or so with "waterways" — drainage ditches running back to the river channel. This way, the water rises at a moderate pace and runs off at a moderate pace once the river recedes, leaving no stagnant pools.

"The advantages of this flooding is that it leaves a deposit of rich soil," notes Kistrinsky. "It washes

WATERMELON DIPLOMACY

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH / Jerusalem Post Reporter



off the salt in the existing soil and it irrigates the crops."

SOME 12,000 dunams along the river between Jericho and the Beisan Valley have been reclaimed in the past two years and planted with date palms, wheat, alfalfa and other crops. Another 8,000 dunams are to be reclaimed in the next few years. In the process, tens of thousands of mines were removed by army engineers as the previous military zone was opened to agriculture.

The thick brush along the river banks, as high as two metres, sheltered lions in biblical times and fugitives in talmudic times, notes Kistrinsky, who is as familiar with scriptural allusions to the Jordan as he is with its gauge readings. Although much of the brush is being cleared away in the reclamation project, patches are being left as nature reserves.

At critical bends in the river vulnerable to erosion, the bank is shored up with stone walls or plantings of tamarisk. It was during one such shoring operation near Kibbutz Ashdot Ya'acov in the Beisan Valley that the driver of an Israeli tractor, working in the shallow river and keeping to the Israeli side of the stream, was hailed by a group of Arab farmers on the other side. Would he mind, they asked, digging a bit into the river bed on their side so they could insert pipes for a water pump? He obliged, and they showed their gratitude by giving him some watermelons.

KISTRINSKY, who is a member of Kibbutz Hamadiya in the Beisan Valley, was at home one day several years ago when fellow kibbutzniks came up from the fields alongside the river to report that the irrigation pumps were dry, as was the Jordan. He descended hastily and found the river gone. As he was contemplating this wonder, he heard a distant roar of tractors on

the other side of the river. With two other kibbutzniks, he crossed the dry riverbed onto Jordanian territory. Although none of them was armed, the Israelis moved towards the tractors. Suddenly they were in a clearing surrounded by slant-eyed men. Kistrinsky deduced they were South Koreans engaged in an agricultural development project for the Jordanian government.

He saw that the Koreans had accumulated a large amount of sand, which they planned to use for making concrete. In order to clean the sand, they had dammed the river upstream and diverted the flow inland some 300 metres.

Kistrinsky and other Israelis along the river had over the years had numerous friendly exchanges with the Jordanian farmers in the area, but no Jordanians were in sight now. Kistrinsky told the Koreans to put the river back immediately. They all looked puzzled and indicated that they spoke no English. Kistrinsky persisted. If they didn't destroy the dam in half an hour, he would be back with the army. The Koreans gave no sign of understanding, but by the time he returned to the river bank with Israeli soldiers, the water was flowing in its natural bed.

"Actually, the river does stop flowing by itself sometimes, when the banks collapse," he points out. "The water backs up for a while until it breaks through again. It happened about 15 years ago."

Kistrinsky believes that this phenomenon explains how the Israelites crossed dryshod behind Joshua when they entered Eretz Yisrael at Gilgal. Incidentally, at today's Kibbutz Gilgal, north of Jericho, agronomists are developing new varieties of crops for the torrid riverbank area the Israelites passed on their way to the uplands.

WHEN Israeli farmers first approached the river two years ago, they were advised by Jordanian

farmers on the opposite bank as to what was likely to grow. Many of the materials being used by the Jordanians are Israeli-made, including drip irrigation pipes and plastic greenhouses. Kistrinsky says he has received — and replied to — technical queries from Jordanian engineers on the other side delivered by Arabs crossing the bridges.

"Until we began farming alongside the river, they kept back about half a kilometre or a kilometre," he says. "As soon as we started, they came down quickly. They feel secure with us."

Kistrinsky claims that the river is operating under a false passport in the lower Jordan Valley. "It's much more the Yarmuk than the Jordan." The latter's name derives from Yored Dan, descending from the Dan.

In 1963, Israel stopped the outflow from the Kinneret into the lower Jordan when the national water carrier began taking water from the lake. Since then, the lower Jordan has been fed from the Israeli side during the dry season with saline water siphoned from springs in and around the Kinneret, and with sewage from the Tiberias area as well as irrigation runoff. Although the Jordanians have also tapped into the Yarmuk, which joins the Jordan at Mahanzayim, the Yarmuk provides most of the water flowing through the lower Jordan.

If waters can mingle, so can people, believes Kistrinsky. "We've talked among ourselves about a regional development plan for the Jordan, covering agriculture and tourism, but nothing's come of it yet."

In addition to joint pumping stations and cooperation on river conservation, Jordanian farmers in the valley, says Kistrinsky, would be able to ship their produce from Ashdod, some 70 kilometres across the Allenby Bridge, rather than from Akaba, over 350 kilometres away.

Such projects, he realizes, must germinate in the mud-flats of politics. Meanwhile, engineers and farmers will continue to exchange advice across the narrow waters.

WHO ARE Israel's teachers? Are they much abused serious professionals, trying to do a very difficult job under almost impossible conditions? Or are they mostly rather mediocre women who picked the job not out of a sense of vocation but because it seemed to suit their plans for marriage and children?

Both of these stereotypes are probably correct.

Israeli teachers, all 75,000 of them, do a very difficult job under very difficult conditions, and they enjoy a low status in Israeli society. Unfortunately, part of the reason for this low status is that the kind of bright and dedicated people who were teaching in Israeli schools only 30 years ago just aren't there any more. For too many teachers, the job is something they work at because they couldn't or didn't want to do anything "better." And no less than 85 per cent of the teachers in our state elementary and junior high schools are women, many of whom seem to regard the job as something that fits in comfortably with family life and provides a supplementary income to that earned by the male head of the household.

The stereotypes come across in a careful reading of the Etzioni Commission's report, which was first submitted to the cabinet in December 1979. The same impression comes through if you listen to any cross-section of Israeli parents. Heavily taxed citizens they feel "highly resentful of people who work shorter 'office hours' than other professionals and have much longer holidays. And parents are often very angry, because teachers do not seem to provide what society expects of them: learning that does not need to be buttressed by costly private lessons, and the inculcation of moral values — which in practice means better behaviour than most children learn at home.

MOST OF these issues were dealt with in considerable depth and detail by the Etzioni Commission. Its most basic and immediate recommendation was quite simply that if the teaching profession was in any way to be rehabilitated,

A first step for teachers

By SUSAN BELLOS / Post Education Correspondent

teachers must be paid much better. In fact, in December 1979, the Etzioni Commission, while suggesting a re-structuring of the teachers' pay scale into a uniform 15 grades, recommended a 35 per cent wage increase, which roughly would equalize their pay with that of the engineers. This proposed increase has since been whittled down to 20 per cent, and it has taken four years to extract it from the Treasury.

The implementation of these most basic provisions held up the other Etzioni recommendations, some of which had nothing to do with salaries. In fact, according to a very senior source in the Histadrut Teachers Union almost nothing has been done about some of the pedagogic recommendations.

The Teachers Union is a strange beast, and to some extent this can also be said of the much smaller Secondary School Teachers Association. While in many ways they remain plain old labour unions with warts, they are also concerned with pedagogical standards. The warts include the fact that it is almost impossible to fire an Israeli teacher after she has served her two or three

years probationary period, and also the fact that a power in the union is an often reactionary inspector. But both the teachers unions have also been very supportive of the Etzioni recommendations, which include the proviso that grading and pay be determined by academic qualifications, position and experience and not just seniority; that only fully matriculated students be accepted into teacher training colleges; and that kindergarten teachers be taken out of their physical and professional isolation. They were also supportive of a "code of ethics" being established for teachers (as already exists for lawyers and doctors) and of the guidelines designed to help teachers deal with school violence.

In the Etzioni Commission's suggested code of behaviour, the teacher is called upon to protect her pupils from "harm or insult" by other pupils and "to make a habit of using clean language." He or she would also be required not to have "overly close relations with a pupil or a group of pupils if these relations diverge from accepted educational or moral norms."

BUT SOME of these recommendations, in November 1983, are little more than high-flown words. Perhaps teachers' salaries ever become attractive in today's recession, there is a long-term hope that better and brighter people will come back into the profession. But for the time being, teachers and teaching remains very much as they were four years ago — with both the teachers and the parents of this country feeling very hard done by.

Shaul Dor, who is in the Hebrew University's School of Education's Department of In-Service Training, is not overly upset about some of the non-implementation of the Etzioni recommendations, such as the

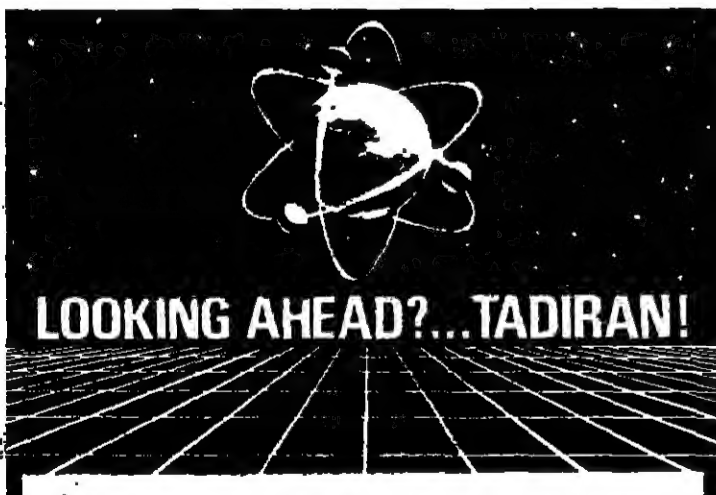
proposed code of ethics. Dor, who is a veteran educator and a specialist in moral education, is keenly aware of the gaps between the expectations of parents and teachers. In his view, a formal code of behaviour for teachers "won't be much use." Parents, Dor feels, should be less aggrieved about the occasional emotionally disturbed or even unpleasant disciplinarian teacher who can't be fired, than by "all those teachers who can't teach."

Parents, Dor says, are often upset "about things such as a teacher striking a child. Of course teachers shouldn't hit children, but if you introduce a formal code, what are you going to do if a teacher intervenes in a fight between two teenage boys and pins down or pushes away a bully? Is this teacher striking a child?"

Going by a rule book here will only make things worse."

One of the central problems in Israeli education, Dor says, is that secondary schools are full of pupils who don't want to learn, and teachers who don't know how to cope with difficult teenagers. They spend half their time trying to keep some sort of order in class; as a result, many pupils just don't learn enough. Parents, in Dor's view, should be suspicious of that very jolly teacher whom everybody loves, because sometimes he or she is not bothering to maintain standards. What parents should be thinking about is "what and how much, is my child learning?"

Perhaps the final long-drawn-out signing of the Etzioni Commission's recommendations by the Ministries of Education and Finance and the teachers' unions themselves, will mark the beginning of the rehabilitation of the teaching profession in Israel. But it can only be the beginning of a very long and painful road.



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 - 15 Eject people making election statistics, apparently (4,3)
 - 18 Volumes of business come his way (7)
 - 20 Shortly, I am to act as a go-between. No, right away! (9)
 - 21 Relish cheek or neck nerve, too (5)
 - 22 Let others know when one does it (7)
 - 23 In, brain-storm of the Spanish (7)
 - 24 Client lets him take home his work, to sell it (8,5)

DOWN

- 1 Old American communist's family? (7)
- 2 Look for a dillardi! (5)
- 3 Book kept back for later use (7)
- 4 Tom's tied around a pole, taken away and left out (7)
- 5 Gave the conductor a coat, being in a shocking state! (9)
- 6 Using a big gun? Turn it up! (7)
- 7 He had more desire to upset local charity chiefs! (6,5)
- 9 Find him working on "Heart of Oak," perhaps (4,7)
- 13 Eyes not in good condition — fever symptoms, too, by the look of it (9)
- 16 Search for a spirit; funny sort of game (7)
- 17 Neither here nor there, if goods are in it (7)
- 18 Are all its citizens statesmen? (7)
- 19 Stir out & about? That's just what he'll do (7)
- 21 Shaking the dust from it in the kitchen! (5)

'Quickie'

ACROSS

- 1 Uncultivated plants (4,7)
- 7 Military unit (7)
- 8 Give letter to secretary (7)
- 10 Consumed (5)
- 11 One's customers (9)
- 12 Scrapes river-bottom, etc (7)
- 14 High-pitched cry (7)
- 15 An Oriental people (7)
- 18 N. American mammal (7)
- 20 A European (9)
- 21 Injury from a bee (5)
- 22 Studying at university (7)
- 23 Speech (7)
- 24 US armed forces building (3,8)

DOWN

- 1 Make a sound with the lips (7)
- 2 Absorb information (5)
- 3 Sheep's coats (7)
- 4 Makes a priest (7)
- 5 Abnormal in manner or thought (9)
- 6 Type of cat (7)
- 7 The family's provider (11)
- 9 Big-game hunter's weapon (8,3)

Yesterday's Solutions

ACROSS: 1 Centre, 4 Prison, 7 Cautious, 9 Palm, 10 Died, 11 Green, 12 Repeat, 14 Raised, 15 Criminal, 17 Tiller, 19 Tuber, 20 Norm, 22 Stew, 23 Doctorate, 24 Rector, 25 Rubbed.

DOWN: 1 Copper, 2 Gram, 3 Export, 4 Claret, 5 Lead, 6 Baked, 7 Board, 8 Dissolute, 10 Gantt, 11 Nader, 13 Gaudier, 15 Doctor, 17 Turret, 18 Reward, 20 Mool, 21 Stub.

Quick Solution

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Shares fail to rebound

TEL AVIV. — Attempts at a technical rally failed yesterday as prices moved lower. Before the session there had been some hope among professional investors that a technical rebound would materialize, following the sharp losses of the preceding two sessions. But these hopes were dashed as sellers prevailed.

Heavy losers outpaced gains by a margin of two-to-one. There were six "sellers only" situations, while five issues were established as "buyers only." However, 62 issues fell by more than five per cent, while only 29 were able to show gains of similar size.

Yesterday was the first session since October 24 which saw turnover fall below the IS1 billion mark. Of a total of IS925 million traded only IS105m, was in non-banking shares.

Furthermore, the commercial bank shares which have been traded on a "computerized basis" since October 24, yesterday were included in the regular trading routine. However, a representative of the Bank of Israel was a participant and was allowed "the last word." As a result the bank shares which are part of the agreement were unchanged in price and at

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By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

these levels the turnover was below \$10m.

The continued selling of these bank shares apparently stems from the fact that the Treasury has not been able to come up with a concrete plan for the use of the bank shares as a basis for a savings scheme. Moreover, there has been no agreement allowing pensioners to convert their bank shares into a short-term savings scheme.

In the meantime investors were faced with a scenario according to which the prices of bank shares remain unchanged while their dollar value continues to decline as the shekel continues to be devalued. Investors also continue to think that the Treasury will have no choice but to speed up devaluation in keeping with inflation.

There is a growing feeling that Patam, Israeli resident foreign currency accounts will eventually be negatively affected. A number of experts predict that the Treasury will institute a two-tier system of ex-

change rates. There will be a "commercial" rate for export and import transactions along with an "investment" rate. It is feared that the "investment" rate will work to the detriment of Patam account holders.

There are precedents for such a two-tier rate. Examples which come to mind are the rates used in France and at one time in South Africa. In the case of South Africa there was a 30 per cent disparity between the "commercial" and "financial" rates.

Index-linked bonds were moderately higher. However, the 4 per cent fully-linked bonds were mixed, as fluctuations of up to three per cent were visible. Turnovers were in excess of IS84m.

In the bank and bondholding group, First International and FIBI were unchanged. Mortgage bank issues trended moderately lower. The Tefatoh ordinary and preferred shares eased by a few points. Shiloh lost 4.8 per cent, but other equities were mostly unchanged.

Insurance stocks were lower, but Phoenix 0.1, with a five per cent drop, was the heaviest loser.

Service and trade shares fluctuated sharply, but on balance the group was lower. Rapac 0.1, which recently experienced a relatively sharp run-up, was clipped for a one-session loss of 26 per cent. Kopel was ahead by 10 per cent and was joined by Cold Storage 0.1, which reflected a gain of nearly the same margin.

Selling pressures lowered prices in the land development, real estate and citrus plantation group. Eylon was a 10 per cent loser, as Lumir 1.0 was down by 7.1 per cent. Caesarea 0.5 was 5.5 per cent higher, but the 0.1 shares declined by 10.3 per cent. Rascos ordinary shares were 7.2 per cent losers.

Industrials declined moderately. The shares of Atlas, the halva manufacturer, were 10 per cent lower. Elicot was 3.1 per cent higher, but Elron managed to advance by only 0.2 per cent. Electra and Argaman ordinary shares were both set back by 10 per cent. Dafra 1.0 was a 15 per cent loser. United Spinnery shares absorbed 10 per cent losses. Teva was also down 10 per cent. American-Israeli Paper Mills gained 6.2 per cent. Tedeas was unchanged, while Taro raced ahead, by 10 per cent.

Bank of Israel exchange rates

November 17, 1983		IS
U.S. dollar	89.8430	
British sterling	132.8778	
German mark	33.3592	
French franc	10.9682	
Dutch guilder	29.7789	
Swiss franc	41.3071	
Swedish krona	11.3338	
Norwegian krone	12.0119	
Danish krone	9.2610	
Finnish mark	15.6018	
Canadian dollar	72.6092	
Australian dollar	82.3995	
South African rand	75.4232	
Belgian franc (10)	16.4232	
Austrian schilling (10)	47.3980	
Italian lire (100)	5.1444	
Japanese yen (100)	38.1337	
Jordanian dinar	239.88	
Lebanese lira	17.02	
Egyptian pound	81.7571	

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Buying Selling

U.S. 90.2800 89.3008

DM 133.5841 132.2539

DM 33.5329 33.1999

French FR 11.0204 10.9106

Deutch G 29.8301 29.6310

Swiss FR 41.6031 41.3087

Swedish KR 11.3808 11.2675

Norwegian KR 12.0638 11.9434

Danish KR 9.3135 9.2207

Finnish MK 15.6796 15.5238

Canadian \$ 72.7975 72.4837

Australian \$ 82.3995 81.9958

Rand 75.7894 75.0452

Belgian Cn (10) 16.5155 16.3509

Belgian Fm (10) 16.4089 16.2444

Austrian SH (10) 47.6716 47.1968

Yen (100) 38.1337 37.9417

Italian Lire (1000) 55.4607 54.9083

GOLD: \$376.50/\$377.00

INDBANK SPOT RATES:

U.S. 1.4785/85 1.4785/85

DM 2.6925/35 2.6925/35

Swiss FR 2.1780/80 2.1780/80

Dutch G 3.0162/72 3.0162/72

French FR 6.1500/00 6.1500/00

Yen 235.60/70 235.60/70

Italian Lire 1628.50/1628.50

Swedish KR 7.9320/50 7.9320/50

Norwegian KR 7.4830/60 7.4830/60

Danish KR 8.9930/80 8.9930/80

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Commercial Banks			
IDB p	44800	—	—
IDB r	3548	757	n.e.
IDB B r	3561	1	n.e.
IDB op 11	2330	259	n.e.
Union op 1	2640	349	n.e.
Discount A r	4528	15	n.e.
Discount B r	3352	29	+2
Discount B	325	1826	+5.1
Mizrahi r	1460	789	n.e.
Mizrahi b	1460	956	n.e.
Mizrahi op 11	2347	64	+20
Mizrahi op 2	927	793	n.e.
Mizrahi sc 6	1228	—	n.e.
Mizrahi sc 9	6180	—	n.e.
Mizrahi sc 1	174	744	-7
Maritime 0.5	93	1040	-7
Hapoalim p.B	3102	5	n.e.
Hapoalim r	2410	10909	n.e.
Hapoalim b	2410	792	n.e.
Hapoalim op 7	4525	176	n.e.
Hapoalim sc 6	19000	-170	-1.3
Hapoalim sc 8	9015	12	n.e.

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
General A	6160	92	n.e.
General op 6	11950	—	n.e.
General op 8	13600	—	-1.7
General op 9	5500	12	n.e.
General sc 3	4445	31	n.e.
General r	281	11	n.e.
Leumi	1915	435	n.e.
Leumi op 13	2001	41	+21
Leumi sc 11	546	1599	+10
ORH r	1380	1	n.e.
Finance Trade	3077	8	n.e.
Finance Trade S	1855	3	+3.1
Finance Tr. op	1738	17	n.e.
N. American 1	2728	137	n.e.
N. American 2	1674	77	+8
N. Am. op	993	37	+3
Danot 5.0	105	586	+2.9
Danot sc 2	266	19	+24
First Int'l S	258	550	n.e.
FIBI	242	374	n.e.

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Mortgage Banks			
Adanim 0.1	905	7	n.e.
Gen Mortgage	1381	12	-2
Gen Mortgage	1381	—	-2
Carmel 0.1	1580	8	n.e.
Carmel deb	520	25	-11.4
Carmel deb	140	550	+3
DevMortg r	768	b.o.i.	+36
DevMortg op	930	39	-10
DevMortg op	334	2	+3
Mishkan r	3695	38	-15
Mishkan b	3695	38	-15
Independence	1615	78	-10
Indep. op 1	1645	78	-10
Tefatoh r	1645	78	-10
Tefatoh b	no trading	—	—
Tefatoh op 2	3580	1	-45
Tefatoh deb. 1	622	2	-2
Tefatoh deb. 2	178	1979	+6
Yasur 1	298	116	n.e.
Yasur 5	302	147	n.e.
Merav r	198	1367	-4

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Financing Institutions			
Shiloh r	100	324	-5
Shiloh op B	715	—	-1.0
Shiloh op 1	1580	8	n.e.
Shiloh op 2	630	—	n.e.
Shiloh op 3	101	92	+1.5
Shiloh op 4	8400	—	n.e.
Ind Dev p.r.	7100	—	n.e.
Clal Lease 0.1	195	—	+2.6
Clal Lease 0.5	150	33	n.e.
Clal Lease op	201	6	-15
Clal Lease sc	572	3	n.e.

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Insurance			
Aryeh r	310	81	-7
Aryeh op	137	5	-1
Aryeh sc 1	2700	—	+150
Aryeh sc 2	no trading	—	—
Reinsur. 0.1	502	—	-13
Reinsur. 0.5	150	34	-5
Hadar 1.0	155	91	-2
Hadar 5.0	36	240	+1
Hadar op 1	321	2410	-1
Hadar op 2	201	108	-14
Hadar op 3	1225	7	-65
Hadar op 4	387	21	+2
Hadar op 5	385	—	+2
Hadar op 6	420	5	-10
Hadar op 7	no trading	—	—
Hadar op 8	no trading	—	—
Hadar op 9	684	12	-2
Hadar op 10	172	20	-7
Hadar op 11	1360	10	-10
Hadar op 12	338	110	n.e.
Hadar op 13	1175	22	-10
Hadar op 14	327	—	+5
Hadar op 15	97	105	+5

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Services & Utilities			
Galei Zohar 1	300	53	-16
Galei Zohar 2	190	10	n.e.
Galei Zohar 3	80	7	n.e.
Galei Zohar 4	220	69	-5
Galei Zohar 5	1075	115	-25
Galei Zohar 6	210	130	n.e.
Galei Zohar 7	102	8	+2
Galei Zohar 8	42	79	+9
Galei Zohar 9	312	206	+14
Galei Zohar 10	175	217	+1
Galei Zohar 11	7900	1	+69
Galei Zohar 12	3395	4	-5
Galei Zohar 13	no trading	—	—
Galei Zohar 14	422	5	n.e.
Galei Zohar 15	253	17	-5
Galei Zohar 16	215	1010	n.e.
Galei Zohar 17	290	70	-10
Galei Zohar 18	450	4	-20
Galei Zohar 19	117	7	n.e.
Galei Zohar 20	75	9	+1
Galei Zohar 21	22	73	+1
Galei Zohar 22	1300	30	n.e.
Galei Zohar 23	900	4	n.e.
Galei Zohar 24	358	23	+17
Galei Zohar 25	315	—	+5.0
Galei Zohar 26	661	84	-24
Galei Zohar 27	290	—	-4.8
Galei Zohar 28	176	—	+1
Galei Zohar 29	107	22	+1
Galei Zohar 30	71	31	+1
Galei Zohar 31	381	—	-1.7
Galei Zohar 32	235	60	n.e.
Galei Zohar 33	134	56	n.e.
Galei Zohar 34	95	10	-5

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Land, Building, Citrus			
Oren	130	80	+6
Oren op 1	136	—	-7
Oren op 2	114	270	+3
Oren op 3	115	149	n.e.
Oren op 4	140	19	-17
Oren op 5	167	100	-2
Oren op 6	210	9	+5
Oren op 7	45	30	+5
Oren op 8	210	67	n.e.
Oren op 9	74	35	-12
Oren op 10	2974	4	-30
Oren op 11	2802	4	-30
Oren op 12	4130	2	-12
Oren op 13	57	—	-2
Oren op 14	336	22	-4
Oren op 15	332	56	+4
Oren op 16	242	—	—
Oren op 17	90	10	-10
Oren op 18	68	169	n.e.
Oren op 19	54	128	+1
Oren op 20	33	71	n.e.
Oren op 21	100	76	-3
Oren op 22	160	284	-9
Oren op 23	90	15	-3
Oren op 24	36	46	-10
Oren op 25	180	90	-10
Oren op 26	371	—	-9
Oren op 27	141	—	—

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Agan Chem.	430	7	+16
Agan Chem. op	181	10	n.e.
Agan Chem. op 1	100	108	n.e.
Agan Chem. op 2	46	35	-9
Agan Chem. op 3	395	12	n.e.
Agan Chem. op 4	305	1	n.e.
Agan Chem. op 5	161	10	n.e.
Agan Chem. op 6	274	—	-1
Agan Chem. op 7	985	67	-3
Agan Chem. op 8	658	31	+8
Agan Chem. op 9	363	115	n.e.
Agan Chem. op 10	144	68	-16
Agan Chem. op 11	99	3	-11
Agan Chem. op 12	46	80	-5
Agan Chem. op 13	32	274	-12
Agan Chem. op 14	96	384	-2
Agan Chem. op 15	32256	5	+9
Agan Chem. op 16	44100	2	n.e.
Agan Chem. op 17	525	10	n.e.
Agan Chem. op 18	305	—	-4
Agan Chem. op 19	370	30	n.e.
Agan Chem. op 20	125	20	-3
Agan Chem. op 21	590	—	n.e.
Agan Chem. op 22	253	3	n

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National unity motions

ANOTHER TESTING of the prospect for a national unity government has led to a dead-end, and with good reason.

This latest exploration was conducted at a meeting earlier this week between Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres, held at Mr. Shamir's invitation. Yesterday Mr. Peres assured Labour's leadership bureau that conditions had not changed since the bureau ruled, in September, against participation in a national unity government under the Likud. The chairman was plainly seeking to forestall widespread party criticism of his seeming readiness to even discuss the issue with the prime minister.

Mr. Shamir, for his part, is reported to be "very interested in a national unity government for the sake of the country." The premier's patriotic motives need not be impugned, but it may be suggested that he finds the idea interesting also for the sake of the bloc he leads, the Likud.

The country is in a rut. This is due to the fact that successive Likud administrations, in which Mr. Shamir has taken an active part, have done just about everything possible to ruin the country's economy. If the economy is Israel's worst enemy today, as has actually been proposed, that is because the Likud has made it so.

Likud economic policies have been the subject of sustained criticism by the Labour Alignment for the past six and a half years, and particularly during the recent two-and-a-half-year phase marked by the wild profligacy of former finance minister Yoram Aridor. The opposition kept warning, almost to the point of boredom, that the attempt to head off inflation through cheap imports would only produce irresistible inflationary pressures that could explode with hurricane fury at a later date, and that the country would eventually be facing a payments gap that might bring all economic activity to a halt.

These dire predictions were laughed off at the time, with the facile assurance that everything was on the right course in the most unemployment-free of all western countries. The cabinet, including Mr. Shamir, said amen to Mr. Aridor. It had good cause to be grateful to him: for it was his smoothly engineered facade of prosperity, now officially condemned, that won the 1981 election for the Likud, and had the people cheering for a while after that.

Now that the predictions have come true, Mr. Shamir is looking for a partner in responsibility for the old bankrupt policy. There is, however, no reason why the Alignment should take on that self-incriminating role. The opposition should, of course, do nothing to thwart Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad in his present commendable effort to repair the damage done by his predecessor. The Histadrut, dominated as it is by the opposition, must not throw a spanner into the works.

But the responsibility must remain where it belongs. It is not for the Alignment to bail out the culprit, the Likud.

A case could be made for a national unity government now, if besides adopting an economic programme acceptable to the Alignment, the Likud were willing also to endorse a basic foreign policy and security plank that the Alignment could live with. The test would have been its agreement to freeze all new settlement in densely populated Arab areas of Judea and Samaria. Evidently, however, this is no more in the cards now than it was in September.

In these circumstances, talk of a national unity government is mere waste of breath. If Mr. Shamir feels that his administration is unequal to the task before it, let him resign and offer the opposition a chance to take over. Or let him risk asking the people for another, perhaps firmer, mandate.

Turkish mini-state

THE CONVERSION of the Turkish-occupied sector of Cyprus by a decision of its legislature into an independent state has been rewarded with official, though reluctant, recognition in Ankara. But the example is unlikely to be followed by any other capital around the world. The Greek Cypriot government under President Spyros Kyprianou will doubtless continue to be viewed as the only legitimate authority on the island.

In the meantime, however, the Turkish Cypriot move is bound to exacerbate tensions between Greece and Turkey, and to greatly embarrass the U.S., which seeks to maintain friendly relations with these two neighbouring countries. The move will also tend to weaken NATO's eastern flank, just at a time when this organization should be preparing to meet possible Soviet retaliation in the area for the arrival in Europe of U.S. cruise and Pershing nuclear missiles.

The one thing that can be said for the Turkish Cypriot action is that, although it came as a surprise, it should have been anticipated.

Rauf Denktaş, leader of the 120,000-strong Turkish community, had threatened for a number of months to take such a step. His reason was that the nearly decade-long discussions between representatives of the Turkish and Greek communities on the island for the creation of a federal union had become hopelessly deadlocked. While the Turks insisted on a loose federation, the Greeks wanted a system of cantons with a strong central government, in which they, as the majority, would have the upper hand.

The timing of the move, on the other hand, was not dictated by events in Cyprus but by the desire to take advantage of the brief interregnum in Ankara between the departure of the old military regime and the assumption of power by the new civilian government. The outgoing Turkish generals may well have encouraged the bid to create an accomplished fact which their civilian successors would have no choice but to endorse.

In proclaiming independence for the Turkish sector Mr. Denktaş called on the Greek community to renew talks on the setting up of a federation. He may have reckoned that, with 20,000 Turkish troops on the island, President Kyprianou would not reject the offer out of hand. But that, in fact, is what the latter has just done. In some quarters the fear has been expressed that Nicosia may now also invite the Soviets to serve as counterweight to the Turks.

That would be a most undesirable sequel to the emergence of a Turkish mini-state in northern Cyprus.

SINCE THE LAST Knesset elections, the heart of a series of crises has been the capability of the government to act, not its policy; its ability to move, not its direction.

A tell-tale symptom of the present malaise is that the government's most crucial clashes have not been with parliamentary forces, either of the opposition or of coalition partners, but rather with non-political factors in an extra-parliamentary arena.

A pre-Shamir example is last summer's doctors' strike. Here the government accepted defeat when the Israel Medical Association resorted to a classic form of civil disobedience — the hunger strike.

More than the government's wage policy in the public sector was at stake. At issue was the functioning, not the policy, of the government. The battle was not in the Knesset or in the courts. In the broadest sense, it was in the street.

Now the bankers have proven, as did the doctors before them, that the government needs them at least as much as they need the government. The combination of political and economic power, the source of the ability of Eshkol and Sapir to direct and control the economy, which was already showing signs of weakening under the last Labour finance minister, Yehoshua Rabinowitz, has all but dissolved.

Meeting the challenges

By ALLAN E. SHAPIRO

The bank bail-out was the product of negotiation between independent centres of power.

This presents a paradox: Banking is probably the most closely regulated sector of the economy. Government, through its fiat control of interest rates, liquidity requirements, securities issues, and audit requirements, has all the formal bureaucratic control imaginable. Yet, for years it was unable to resolve the problem of the rigged market for bank shares, knowing that one day the bubble could, and probably would, burst.

IT IS TEMPTING to jump to the conclusion that someone goofed. However, while all the facts are not yet fully known, it seems more likely that, as in the case of the doctors, the formal powers of government were not a reliable measure of its

actual control.

If the government had to bargain with the banks after the bust, the decision-making process must have been even more laborious when the banks were still riding high.

As with the doctors, this was not a political contest. The parliamentary opposition was hardly more than an interested spectator. While the government printing presses cranked up for a mammoth injection of cash into a severely overheated economy, there was a general deference to the concordat between the government and the banks, a consensus of non-involvement.

As former finance minister Yoram Aridor had said many times, the government stood behind the banks. Just where the banks stood is somewhat more problematical. Taking the course of events in its

entirety, the only answer seems to be that they stood beyond the effective central direction and control of the authorized organs of government.

The government also stands behind the settlers in Judea and Samaria, while they stand, like the doctors and the banks, beyond effective governmental controls in matters they deem vital to their interests.

While the settlers have, without doubt, a distinct political thrust, here too a confrontation, if it comes, will be extra-parliamentary and is likely to involve violence. They pose a supreme challenge to government, even if it is today, for the most part, potential: the settlers challenge the state's monopoly of physical force.

THE CHALLENGE could become actual and acute if economic stress within Israel led to a breakdown of present control mechanisms. Even a mild recession is likely to be highly destabilizing in Judea and Samaria.

Severe unemployment is predictable, as West Bank Arabs are certain to be in the vanguard of the victims of a contracting economy. Rising living standards and comparative material contentment will cease to be incentives for the preservation of public order.

Out of considerations of cost, if not of conviction, the government

might opt for new political arrangements. Would the government have the ability to carry out decisions the settlers conceive as contrary to their interests?

Elections, without structural change, are unlikely to augment the capabilities of the next government for effective action. Given the existence of two major political blocs of nearly equal strength, which the recent municipal elections seem to confirm, even the optimum result of a government of a majority party, without coalition partners to be bargained with, will not guarantee a government with an ability to deal with the challenges that are in the offing.

Under conditions of economic dislocation, these challenges can best be met by a grand coalition of the two major parties, producing a countervailing power to the non-political forces challenging the ability of any government in Israel to govern. This is the parliamentary solution to problems of a non-parliamentary order. It is preferable to answers of a Gaullist variety, as it is democratic and reversible, which strong-man rule rarely is.

Given the instinct for survival of any incumbent government, it is likely that a grand coalition can come about only after new elections. If so, the sooner the better.

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READERS' LETTERS

SUBMISSION TO EVIL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — A year and a half ago, Great Britain decided to prove that her sovereignty over the Falkland Islands could not be encroached upon. Now America has invaded the island of Grenada to demonstrate that she will not tolerate threats to her security interests. Meanwhile, over the last years, large spheres of the "Free World" have been given up to dictatorial systems which have cruelly massacred millions of people, for instance in Afghanistan, South Vietnam, Cambodia. It seems a sad revelation that, with the Western democracies losing on nearly every front, the only place where they seem willing to flex their muscles is on tiny islands.

It was the spirit of appeasement towards Hitler in Munich which eventually allowed the horrors of the Second World War to fall upon mankind. The West has learnt little or nothing from her history, and so seems destined to repeat it. It is pathetic that the West is prepared to fight for those islands while so much of the rest of the world is rapidly falling under the control of brutal regimes.

No system today seems so cruel in its denial of freedom, dignity and elementary human rights as that system which now governs the Soviet Union. It tortures Jews only because they wish to teach Hebrew or emigrate to their ancestral homeland; it invades or otherwise subjugates entire nations such as Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Afghanistan and Poland. In spite of continual — albeit half-hearted — approaches by Western diplomats to urge the Soviet Union to live up to its Helsinki Agreement promises, one finds an increasing callousness in Soviet policy and activity throughout the world. The Soviet authorities seem to have no more regrets for the atrocities committed under their protective cover in Lebanon, than they expressed for the downing of the South Korean

airliner with 269 innocent people on board.

Margaret Thatcher was willing to fight for the Falklands, and is not willing to give an inch to I.R.A. terrorism; yet she has been critical of Israel which is fighting for its life against similar forces of terrorism. The Americans recently were shocked to find large weapon caches and a significant force of armed Cubans on Grenada; yet they thought little of the huge armaments which the Israelis discovered stockpiled throughout Lebanon last year, and only when 230 of their own men are killed, do they awake to the horror of the terrorism Israel has been battling for nearly 40 years.

Only when we resist evil will evil retreat. Since the Second World War, wherever the "Free World" has retreated, enslavement has resulted. Yet how much care have we had in the West for the multitudes of enslaved and tortured people of whom we have learned, and all the massacres that have taken place? In spite of all the international organizations, very little effort seems to have been exerted to actively combat the evil in this world. It seems that the West is willing to show her determination only when its islands are endangered, or when its personal interests are at stake.

When there is finally some action by the West, it is not a sad revelation of the selfishness and decadence of the West that, rather than decrying the fact that we have done too little to save men and women from massacre and enslavement, the little we do is criticized as being too much? Do we need another world war to prove the correctness of people like Solzhenitsyn and others who have warned us again and again to wake up? Is it only when the fire starts burning us that we will be prepared to cry out? JAN WILLEM VAN DER HOEVEN Jerusalem.

CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The article by Barbara Amouyal in Today on October 30 on pre-natal instruction was very interesting, and it is good to know that a public institution is recognizing these needs.

However, no couple in Israel, whatever their language, need "stumble down a rough and rocky road" to find the appropriate framework to prepare them for a positive birth experience. For the past three years, the Israel Childbirth Education Centre has provided resource information and a network of ante-natal teachers, breastfeeding counsellors and post-natal support groups throughout the country.

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Haifa.

ENOSH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — We have just attended a very special conference at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and wish to extend congratulations to Enosh on the splendid International Symposium on the Future of the Mentally Ill in Society.

Those of us who attended were very much rewarded by the opportunity to come together and study and share with each other. Mental illness is a universal burden that mankind has suffered since the beginning of history. It is fitting that Enosh brought many of us together from far away to work toward finding better answers.

MARILYN K. ROSENSON
New Orleans, Louisiana.

THE FLIGHT OF THE FALASHAS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — My congratulations to The Jerusalem Post and to Judy Siegel for publishing the article on Falashas being obstructed in their aliya and settlement (October 19).

If you had asked me in the late 60's who the Falashas were, I would have pleaded ignorance. I then saw a television programme and read about the Falashas and came to become acquainted with their plight. What moved me most was another documentary TV programme in which the Falashas themselves said they thought that they were the last Jews left in the world and that they had carried on the very same traditions I have in North America and Israel. I found this inspiring, for here was a group of people who knew that they were Jewish and determined to carry on what has been passed on from one generation to the next and kept alive the very spirit one comes to expect from Israel.

How paradoxical then is the treatment that they have received from the hands of their "brothers." One wonders what motivates such behaviour towards a group of people who have done as much as any

other Jewish group to keep alive that which is so precious about our heritage as a religion and as a nation — a nation that is to be the light unto other nations and that, unlike any other, has experienced persecution merely because of its personal beliefs.

Why are the Falashas the recipients of such animosity and reluctance to acceptance as Jews? How can we plead our case for justice for the Jewish national homeland from the rest of the world when we ourselves cannot demonstrate that very justice we ourselves cry out for?

I hope others share my outrage and that some action will be taken because this situation cannot be allowed to go on unanswered and unresolved. That is why I offered my congratulations to The Post and to Judy Siegel. By bringing the plight of the Falashas in Israel to the public, there is hope that some meaningful action will be undertaken to resolve the situation in Israel, and I sincerely hope the plight of the Falashas in Ethiopia will also then be addressed in a like manner. PAUL J. ACEMAN Vancouver, Canada.

TERMINOLOGY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Occasionally you use the term "Aryan" in your stories. This term was invented by the Nazi ideologues in the specific meaning in which you use it. You never use the term with quotation marks in your stories. By not doing that, you invest it with a legitimacy that it doesn't have and certainly doesn't deserve.

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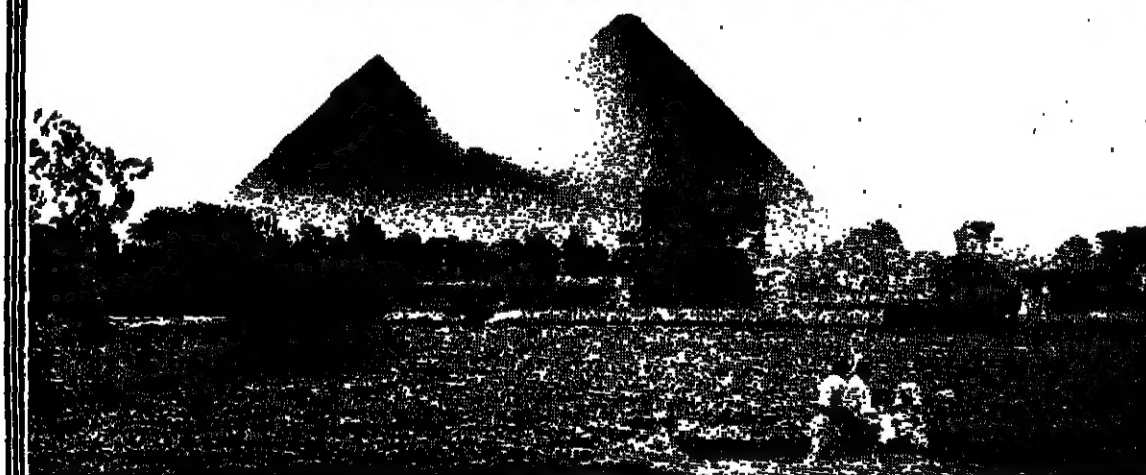
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